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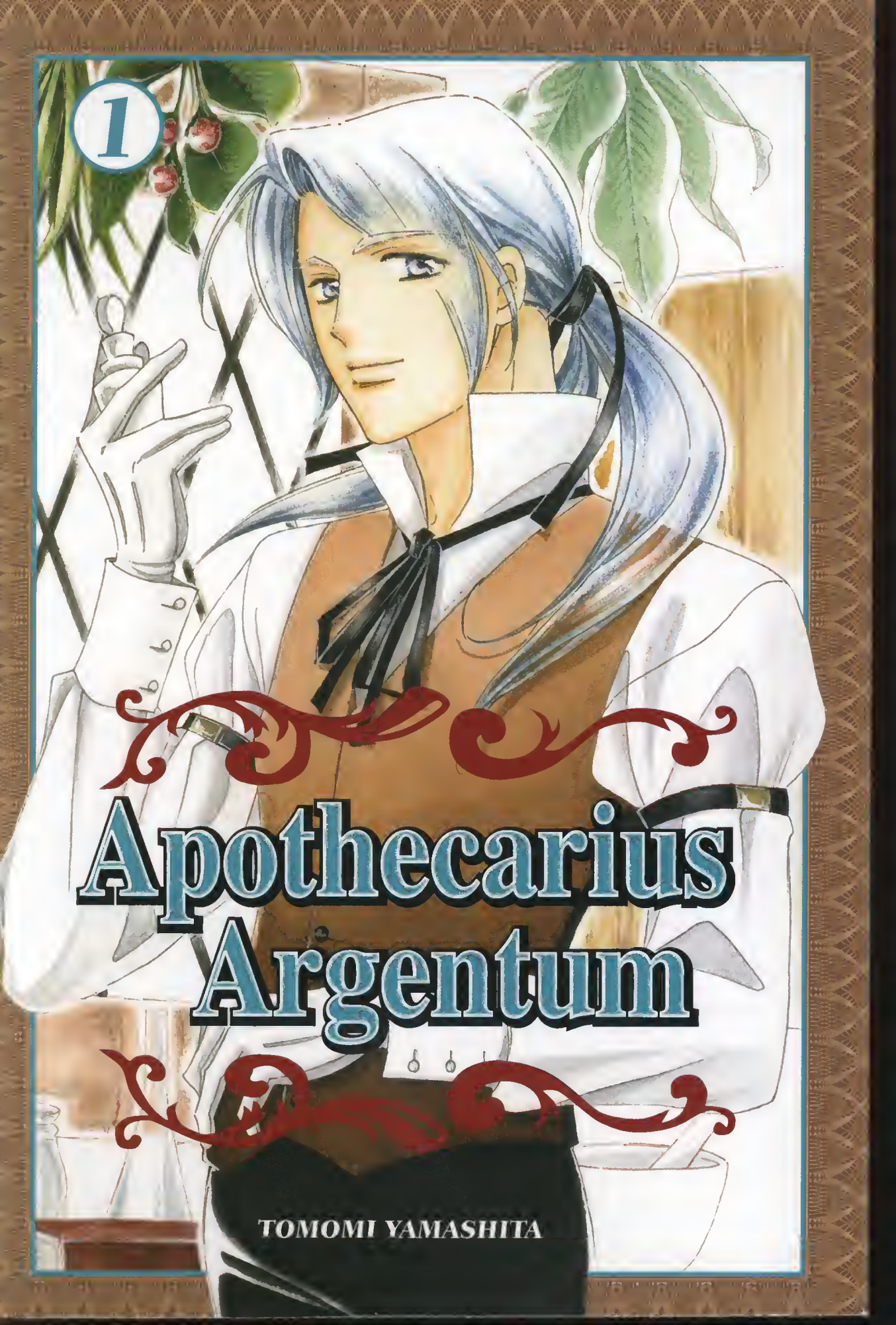
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LOOKS YUMMY AS ALWAYS!
TODAY'S LUNCH CONSISTS OF STUFFED TOMATOES AND A SEAFOOD PLATTER DELICATELY FLAVORED WITH ORANGE
HE WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE, LADY PRIMULA.
HIS MAJESTY HEADED FOR THE BORDER TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS.
WHERE'S FATHER?
CRASH
...
...
...
I SEE...
THAT MEANS I MUST EAT ALONE AGAIN
CLINK
UGHHH!
WHAT'S WRONG, LADY PRIMULA?!
THE HEALER ...
CALL THE HEALER!

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THIS WAY, SIR.
I'VE BROUGHT AN ALTERNATE FOR TODAY
THE USUAL HEALER IS OUT ON AN ERRAND.
MY LADY!
PRINCESS, HERE IS THE APOTHECARY
. I PRESENT LADY PRIMULA, THE DAUGHTER OF THE KING.
SIR...
Just for my stomach ache!
I DON'T CARE WHO IT IS..

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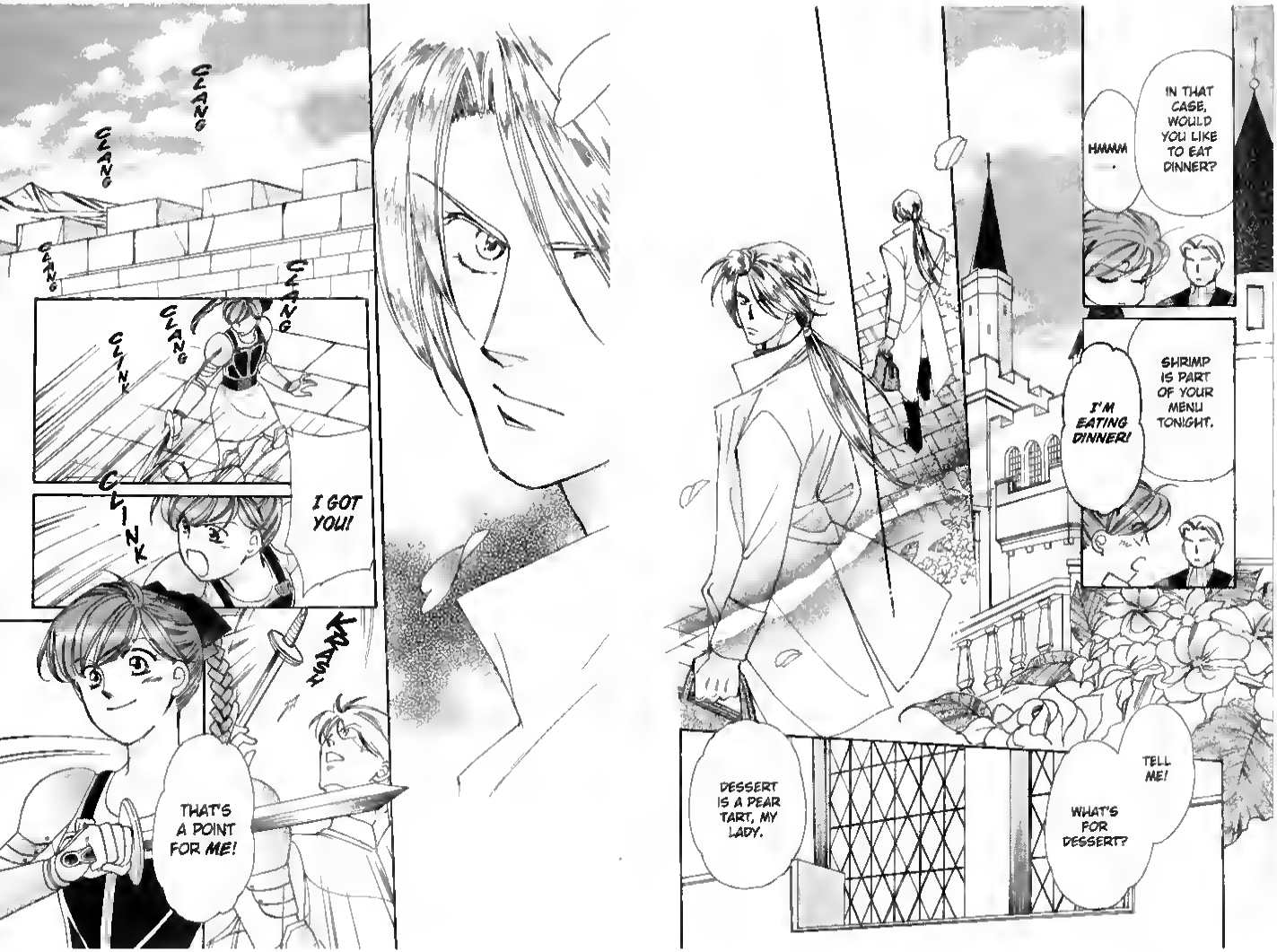
Recipe 1 In Sickness and in Health

GIVE ME YOUR HAND
OPEN WIDE AND SAY AHHHH!
OVER-EATING...
I BE-LIEVE ...
...YOU'RE FEELING ILL FROM OVER-INDULGENCE.
GULP
GOD, IT'S HELLISHLY BITTER!
I WAS AFRAID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE FOOD!
...FOR DESSERT YESTERDAY
THAT'S RIGHT! SHE DID EAT TOO MANY PEACHES...
PLEASE TAKE THIS MEDICINE, MY LADY.

WHAT ...
I'M HONORED TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LADY PRIMULA
ARGENT... IT'S YOU!
DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?
...ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
I GUESS YOU'LL DO, ARGENT!
GET RID OF MY STOMACH-ACHE NOW!
OUCH!
I'LL LEAVE IF THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME...
KIND OF!

GARNA, YOU'RE A RECENT EMPLOYEE, SO YOU WOULDN'T KNOW.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME I WASN'T ABLE TO FIND THE USUAL HEALER ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
HE WAS A HEALER THAT LIVED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY...
THAT'S ALL HE HAS TO SAY AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
How rude!
THAT MAN
...AR-GENT...
WHY IS HE STILL...
I HAD NO IDEA.
HE LOOKS FAMILIAR ...?
...USED TO BE ONE OF MY ATTENDANTS. I FIRED HIM.
IS THAT SO?
NEVER MIND.
I FEEL A LOT BETTER NOW

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE DRUGS, YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL OF YOUR HEALTH.
I TAKE IT YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED TO CONTROL YOURSELF, MY LADY.
GOOD MEDICINE CAN BE BITTER, LADY PRIMULA.
THAT MEDICINE TASTED AWFUL!
Doesn't have to be that bad
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE BECOME AN APOTHECARY.
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A LONG TIME. YOU'VE CHANGED QUITE A LOT!
SLAM
EXCUSE ME
I WON'T NEED AN ESCORT
I'LL HAVE...
HERE'S ENOUGH MEDICATION FOR 3 DAYS.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH, PRINCESS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CLINK
CLINK
I GOT YOU!
KRASH
THAT'S A POINT FOR ME!
HMMM...
IN THAT CASE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT DINNER?
I'M EATING DINNER!
SHRIMP IS PART OF YOUR MENU TONIGHT.
WHAT'S FOR DESSERT?
TELL ME!
DESSERT IS A PEAR TART, MY LADY.

LIKE THIS.
REALLY? I CAN'T BEGIN TO IMAGINE...
SHE WAS FRAIL LIKE A DELICATE FLOWER, JUST LIKE HER NAMESAKE
SHE USED TO BE RAIL THIN...
NOW, SHE'S AS STRONG AS A MAN
THE COASTAL FOLKS CALL HER THE "PRINCESS OF STEEL."
I'VE WON AGAIN.
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE MY INSTRUCTOR. I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BEST YOU.
THUD
!

ETIQUETTE INSTRUCTOR
EDUCATIONAL MINISTER
I WISH YOU WOULD HAVE THE SAME ENTHUSIASM FOR YOUR OTHER STUDIES!
YES, IF YOU'D FOCUS ON IMPROVING YOUR MANNERS
I PREFER TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE. THAT'S MY MOTTO.
CLAP CLAP CLAP
PRINCESS, YOU'RE BACK IN RARE FORM.
THAT WAS QUITE A RUTHLESS ATTACK!
I PROMISE I'LL DO MY OTHER LESSONS LATER!
I spend most of my time watching her fencing lessons!
SIGH
I'M JUST NOT GOOD WITH BOOKS AND ETIQUETTE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
MAYBE WE SHOULD BE HAPPY THAT SHE'S MADE IT THIS FAR IN GOOD HEALTH!
CLANG
CLANG
CAR-BEAU.
...I WANT YOU TO SPAR WITH ME, FIRST...
OF COURSE.

YOU SEEM TO INSTINCTIVELY KNOW HOW TO PLEASE ME!
GARNA, YOU'RE FANTASTIC!
Your clothing should be conservative
Your diet should be simple.
THE CRABBY OLD MAN GOT SICK AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND RETIRED
THE OLD ATTENDANT LIKED TO LECTURE MAYBE IT WAS HIS AGE.
I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GENEROUS APPRECIATION!
YOU WERE RECOMMENDED FOR HIS POSITION SOON AFTER THAT
IT WAS WORTH HIRING A NEW CHEF TO PLEASE YOU!
I AM HONORED, MY LADY.
I WISH YOU HAD BEEN MY ATTENDANT SOONER!

I SEE.
YOU HAVE A MAJOR WEAKNESS.
WE CAN MAKE THAT A TOPIC FOR MY NEXT LESSON
IT'S ALSO A STRONG SUIT, MIND YOU.
YOU HAVE NO FEAR, SO YOU DON'T TAKE PRECAUTIONS.
I'LL PREPARE LUNCH RIGHT AWAY.
I'M HUNGRY AFTER ALL THAT WORK!
OH WOW!
WHAT'S WRONG, MY LADY?
OH, IT'S NOTHING.

I DON'T MIND. I'M USED TO IT.
I'M JUST A MERE SERVANT!
I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO DINE WITH YOU!
GARNA, WHY DON'T YOU STAY AT THE TABLE AND TALK TO ME?
I DO...
...APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, LADY PRIMULA
WHAT?
PLEASE? COME ON, SIT DOWN.
I'LL SEE HOW THE PATISSERIE IS DOING.
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET THE DESSERT READY.
ACTUALLY, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THINGS WERE DIFFERENT...
I'M USED TO EATING BY MYSELF.
SLAM
Dett.

I'M SO GLAD THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR MEALS SO MUCH
I'M GOING TO GET STARTED ON THE FOOD!
I FEEL SO FULFILLED AFTER A MEAL!
BESIDES, PEOPLE CAN'T LIVE A STRONG LIFE WITHOUT FOOD!
I'M STILL GROWING
I WOULD HAVE..
...LOVED TO HAVE BEEN AT YOUR SERVICE SOONER, PRINCESS
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT PHYSICAL FULFILLMENT
You should be full
WELL, YOU DO HAVE QUITE THE APPETITE
WELL, MY MOTHER DIED A LONG TIME AGO.
MY FATHER'S ALWAYS BUSY, SO HE RARELY HAS THE TIME TO DINE WITH ME.
THAT'S WHEN MY "HEART" FEELS COMPLETE
I LOVE CHATTING ABOUT DIFFERENT TOPICS WITH PEOPLE DURING A GOOD MEAL

KYAAAHHH
JOLT
NO...
I'M FEELING SICK AGAIN...
A BAD DREAM!
DID SEEING HIM REMIND ME?

"HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PRIMROSE?"
"PRIMULA IS THE LATIN NAME OF MY MOTHER'S FAVORITE FLOWER."
"THE FLOWER WAS NAMED PRIMULA BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE FIRST FLOWERS TO BLOOM IN SPRING."
"SPECIFIC VARIETIES ARE SEDATIVES AND SOME HAVE ANTIDOTAL PROPERTIES."
"WOW! YOU KNOW SO MUCH!"
"THE CASTLE GARDEN IS FULL OF THEM IN THE SPRING!"
"WHEN SPRING COMES, I'LL SHOW YOU."
"WHAT'S WRONG, ARGENT?"
WHEN HE USED TO SIT THERE..
... AT LEAST..

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
THIS MEDICINE...
WHINNY
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, LADY PRIMULA?
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I'M JUST GOING OUT FOR A BIT.
I FEEL BETTER, THANKS TO THAT AWFUL MEDICINE
I'M GOING TO GO SEE THE HEALER TO THANK HIM.

ARGENT'S MEDICINE
THAT'S RIGHT...
HE CAN'T HEAR ME?
GARNA!
GARNA!
I FEEL WEAK
THEY'RE ALL GONE!
THERE SHOULD BE MORE...
OH!
I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER...
GULP
WHAT IS IT DOING THERE?

IS HE IN HERE?
CREAK
ARGENT?
SO THIS IS WHAT AN APOTHECARY LOOKS LIKE..
DON'T TOUCH THAT!
HOLD!

WAIT, NOW I REMEMBER..
SHE'S GOING TO SEE HIM PERSONALLY?
WHO IS HE?
GARNA, MAKE SURE NOBODY FOLLOWS ME!
PRINCESS!
WHAT?
THE APOTHECARY'S NAME IS ARGENT. HE USED TO DINE WITH HER.
ARGENT, ARE YOU HERE?
KNOCK KNOCK
ARGENT!
ARGENT!
THERE IT IS!
I HEARD IT WAS AROUND HERE...
What a cozy little kitchen.

I BROUGHT FISH PIE.
WE SHOULD HAVE TEA TOGETHER LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS, NO?
TO THANK YOU FOR THAT GOD-AWFUL TASTING MEDICINE AND TO SEE HOW YOU ARE.
WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY?
HE WAS A FORMER FOOD TASTER?
THAT APOTHE-CARY?
THEY RISK THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT OTHERS. THEY'RE USUALLY SLAVES OR PEOPLE FROM LOWER RANKS. HE WAS NO DIFFERENT IN THAT REGARD.
I KNOW THAT FOOD TASTERS WERE EM-PLOYED BY ARISTOCRATS TO PREVENT POISONING.
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ONE IN THIS CASTLE.
HE WAS HER FOOD TASTER FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT SHE FIRED HIM.
SHE HAS REFUSED TO HAVE A FOOD TASTER EVER SINCE THEN.
WHEN WE WERE HAVING SOME CIVIL STRIFE, THERE WERE ATTEMPTS TO POISON THE PRIN-CESS. HE WAS BROUGHT ON AS HER FOOD TASTER.

ARGENT, ARE YOU HURT!?
I'M ALL RIGHT.
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY BURNED!
CLICK
YOU MAY BE A PRINCESS, BUT I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO INSPECT THINGS OUT OF CURIOSITY.
APOTHECARIES USE TOXINS AND OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TO PRODUCE MEDICINE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
AT THIS POINT, I'M NO LONGER AFRAID OF POISON.

"NO, PRINCESS! YOU MUST NEVER TOUCH HIM!"
"WHAT'S YOUR NAME?"
"YOU ALSO SMELL LIKE PERFUME!"
"LOOK AT YOUR SILVER HAIR! SO PRETTY!"
"HE WILL DINE WITH YOU STARTING TODAY."
"HE'S BEEN AFFLICTED WITH THE 'GRIM REAPER'S CURSE.'"
"WHY?"
"CAN I CALL HIM BY HIS NAME?"
"IF YOU DO, YOU'LL BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY."
"YOU ARE TO NEVER LAY YOUR FINGER ON THE PRINCESS."
BACK THEN, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT FOOD TASTERS WERE FOR I THOUGHT OF YOU AS A COMPANION
"FROM TODAY, I'LL CALL YOU ARGENT!"
"FINE, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE!"
"YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME?"

He was still a new employee at the time
I SEE..
I WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACQUIRING FOOD TASTERS SO I'M NOT AWARE OF THE DETAILS
WELL, YOU KNOW THE PRINCESS SHE EITHER GOT AN IDEA INTO HER HEAD, OR SHE'S BEING HER STUBBORN SELF
SO, THAT WAS THE SITUATION.
YOU WOULD TAKE A BITE AND MAKE SURE THERE WAS NO POISON. THEN, I WOULD TAKE A BITE.
IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE WE DINED TOGETHER!
I WAS ABLE TO PROTECT MYSELF, THANKS TO YOU.
"MY LADY, YOU HAVE COMPANY."
YOUR ARRIVAL CHANGED MY LIFE.
I STARTED TO REFUSE TO EAT ANY FOOD.
BEFORE YOU CAME, I HAD BEEN POISONED MANY TIMES

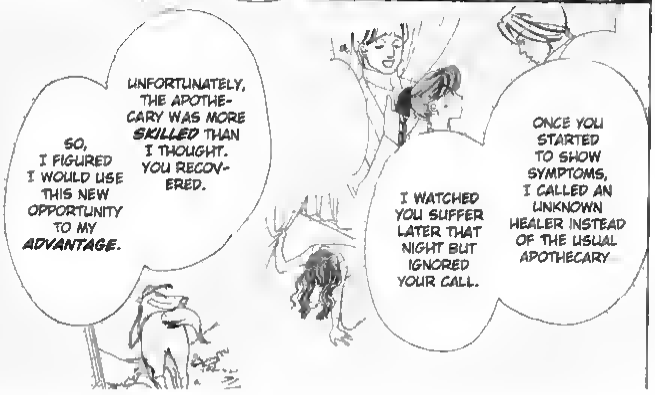
I WAS RIGHT
SUDDEN STOMACHACHE AND VOMITING. PALE MUCOUS MEMBRANES, EDEMA OBSERVED IN THE ARMS AND LEGS
MY GUESS IS YOU WERE BEING POISONED WITH MERCURY.
SOMEONE WANTS TO SEE ME DEAD.
YOU SUSPECTED, YET YOU STILL CAME HERE BY YOURSELF? ARE YOU MAD!
I CAME HERE TO SEE YOU AND THAT'S YOUR ATTITUDE?
YOU MUST BE MORE CAREFUL!
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! YOU'RE NO LONGER MY FOOD TASTER!
I REFUSE TO BE PARALYZED BY FEAR
I WILL NOT BECOME APPREHENSIVE OR MALICIOUS I DON'T WANT TO CREATE MORE VICTIMS ..
...LIKE YOU.

NOW, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT. YOU'VE BECOME A HEALER.
HOW DO YOU LIKE BEING AN APOTHECARY?
YOU SEEM TO BE QUITE POPULAR WITH THE LOCALS
I HAD NO OTHER MEANS TO SURVIVE
ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU WERE RISKING YOUR LIFE...
...WITH EVERY MEAL.
TOO BAD THEY ALWAYS TASTE LIKE DIRT!
YOUR COMPETITORS ARE CLUELESS ABOUT YOUR RECIPES. PEOPLE THINK IT'S A MIRACLE
YOUR DRUGS ARE VERY EFFECTIVE.
I'VE BEEN POISONED NUMEROUS TIMES
I HAD SIMILAR SYMPTOMS WHEN MY FOOD WAS TAINTED BEFORE
YOU RECOGNIZED THE SYMPTOMS AND GAVE ME AN ANTIDOTE, NOT MEDICINE FOR MY STOMACH
PRINCESS, YOU KNEW..!
IT WORKED.
BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR THE ANTIDOTE.

THOSE ARE SILK PRIMULAS ...
Dear Argent
Congratulations on your new apothecary. I did not mean to upset you. I'm sorry
"ARGENT, I PICKED THEM FOR YOU."
"THEY'RE THE FIRST PRIMROSES TO BLOOM THIS SPRING!"
PRINCESS...
GARNA,
I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT ANY ESCORTS.

ARGENT, WHY DID YOU REMAIN HERE?
...I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION TO ASK.
I'M AN APOTHECARY, NOT A MIRACLE WORKER.
AC-TUALLY ...
WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, I'LL BE CALLING ON YOU.
YOU COULD HAVE LEFT THIS COUNTRY AND LIVED AS A FREE MAN.
...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO ANSWER.
I'M LEAV-ING.
SLAM

WAR REQUIRES MEN AND LOADS OF MONEY.
I WAS SENT TO KILL THE ROYAL FAMILY IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER. I AM A POISONER.
I POISONED THE FORMER ATTENDANT SO I COULD TAKE HIS PLACE.
I USED SLOW, STEADY AMOUNTS OF POISON TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH YOU AND YOUR FATHER'S DEATH WILL SEEM NATURAL.
TO MAKE SURE YOU WOULD INGEST THE POISON, I TOOK GREAT CARE IN CHOOSING YOUR MENU.


ONCE YOU STARTED TO SHOW SYMPTOMS, I CALLED AN UNKNOWN HEALER INSTEAD OF THE USUAL APOTHECARY.
I WATCHED YOU SUFFER LATER THAT NIGHT BUT IGNORED YOUR CALL.
UNFORTUNATELY, THE APOTHECARY WAS MORE SKILLED THAN I THOUGHT. YOU RECOVERED.
SO, I FIGURED I WOULD USE THIS NEW OPPORTUNITY TO MY ADVANTAGE.

I'M YOUR ESCORT, BUT NOT BACK TO YOUR PALACE.
SWING
RUSTLE RUSTLE
!
I'M HERE TO ESCORT YOU TO YOUR GRAVE, MY LADY.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO MANHANDLE YOU USING MY MEN.
THUD
GARNA, YOU WERE THE ONE TRYING TO KILL ME!
I WAS SENT BY A RIVAL COUNTRY WORKING TO BRING DOWN BEAZOL.

NARCOSIS?
WHAT'S WITH THE SMOKE?
!
BE CAREFUL.
THIS IS...
WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
YOU'RE COMPLETELY RECKLESS!
YOU WERE TRYING TO WEED OUT YOUR ENEMIES BY VENTURING OUT ALONE, WEREN'T YOU?

I HEAR THERE WERE... PROBLEMS BETWEEN YOU AND THE APOTHECARY.
YOU SLIPPED OUT TO GO MEET HIM, BUT HE SLIPS YOU A POISON...
...TO GET EVEN FOR HIS DAYS AS YOUR FOOD-TASTER.
THAT'S THE GENERAL PLOT.
...WITH MY OWN TWO EARS.
I WANTED TO HEAR HOW HE FELT ABOUT ME...
ARGENT HAS EVERY RIGHT TO DESPISE ME.
HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT ME...
...ARGENT?
CRACK

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, I COULD SMELL YOUR FRAGRANCE.
LIKE THE MAN SAID, DID YOU REMAIN HERE TO KILL ME ONE DAY?
OTHERS MAY NOT HAVE DETECTED IT, BUT I DID
RIGHT?
YOU STAYED, AND EVEN GAVE ME AN ANTIDOTE SO YOU WOULD GET YOUR CHANCE.
THAT'S BECAUSE ...
STAB
RUSTLE
!

NAA
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE IF I DIDN'T COME TO HELP YOU?
YOU DID.
YOU RESCUED ME.
SLIP
YOU CAN WALK, RIGHT?
I'M WALKING BACK.
ARGENT, DO YOU...
..HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST ME?

SLUMP
ARGENT!
YOU WILL SOON DIE OF RESPIRATORY FAILURE!
...PREPARE TO DIE FOR GOOD!
NOW THAT I'M RID OF TROUBLE-MAKERS...
MY LADY...
HEH!
WHAT A FITTING DEATH FOR A FORMER FOOD TASTER!

ZA
ARGENT!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR HEROIC ATTEMPT!
REMOVING THE ARROW MAKES NO DIFFERENCE!
THE POINT WAS DIPPED IN CURARE I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT
BUT ...
ARGENT!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
CURARE IS A HIGHLY POTENT POISON DERIVED FROM THE VINES OF A TROPICAL PLANT USED BY FOREIGN SAVAGES
WHEN STRUCK BY A POISONED ARROW...
...IT CAUSES GRADUAL MUSCULAR PARALYSIS
PANT
PANT
PANT

IF YOU'RE A POISONER, YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD ABOUT HIS KIND, NO?
IN A COUNTRY FAR TO THE NORTH, CHILDREN ARE SLOWLY DOSED WITH POISON
THEY'RE EDUCATED IN THE KNOW-LEDGE AND ART OF POISONINGS TRAINED AS AS-SASSINS AND HIRED BY POWERFUL MEN TO DO THEIR BIDDING, THEY ARE PEOPLE RAISED TO BE SACRIFICED FOR THE AMBITIONS OF OTHERS.
IN FACT, HIS BODY IS A POTENT POISON ITSELF.
HIS SYSTEM CAN CONTAIN AND TOLERATE VARIOUS TOXINS
THAT ABILITY HELPED HIM SURVIVE AS MY FOOD-TASTER.
"ARGENT, I PICKED THEM FOR YOU."
"THEY'RE THE FIRST PRIMROSES TO BLOOM THIS SPRING!"
THEIR LOCKS TURN SILVER FROM THE TOXINS THEY CONSUME
THEIR BODIES EMANATE A PERFUME LIKE A POISONOUS BLOOM

WHY... ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?
THAT WAS A FATAL DOSE! HOW..?
GRAB
DEAR GOD! THAT BURNS!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
HE'S IMMUNE TO POISON.
HE'S NOT AN ORDINARY APOTHE-CARY.

ARGENT, STOP!
YOU CANNOT ALLOW YOUR SOUL TO BECOME POISONOUS...
...IF YOU WANT TO LIVE AS A MAN!

HIT
I KILL EVERY LIVING THING I TOUCH...
PRINCESS, THIS IS THE "GRIM REAPER'S CURSE."
MY BLOOD AND SKIN HAVE BEEN INFUSED WITH POTENT POISONS.
YOU WILL WITHER AND DIE.
...JUST LIKE THESE FLOWERS.
YOU ALSO CANNOT COME NEAR ME.
Y.. YOU--
STABB
FOUL MONSTER!
WHOOSH
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE SECOND DOSE?

"LEAVE THIS PLACE."
...AND REMOVED MY SHACKLES.
YOU CAME TO MY SIDE...
YOU MUST HAVE FELT DITY.
AS YOUR FOOD TASTER, I WAS IN EXCRUCIATING PAIN FROM INGESTING POISON.
—AS LONG AS SHE'S ALIVE.
I MAY BE RE-CAPTURED ... IF I ESCAPE ...
A THOUGHT CROSSED MY MIND AS I WAS LEAVING.
"...WITH MY OWN POISON."
"I SHOULD KILL HER RIGHT NOW--"
I'M SORRY, ARGENT.
I DID THINK ABOUT KILLING YOU.
YOU'RE SUFFERING, AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
THEN, YOU SAID..
"I WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO BE HER FOOD TASTER..."
"IF I BITE HER, THIS DELICATE GIRL WILL DIE QUICKLY."

HOWEVER, YOU PASSED OUT BECAUSE YOU WERE EXPOSED TO MY TOXINS.
YOU'RE STILL QUITE RECKLESS TO...
YOU REVIVED ME FROM THE SHOCK OF THE SECOND DOSE
MY BODY'S ALREADY PRO-CESSED THE CU-RARE
I'M FINE
ARGENT, ARE YOU...
...LIKE YOU DID BACK THEN
...TOUCH ME ON YOUR OWN ACCORD...

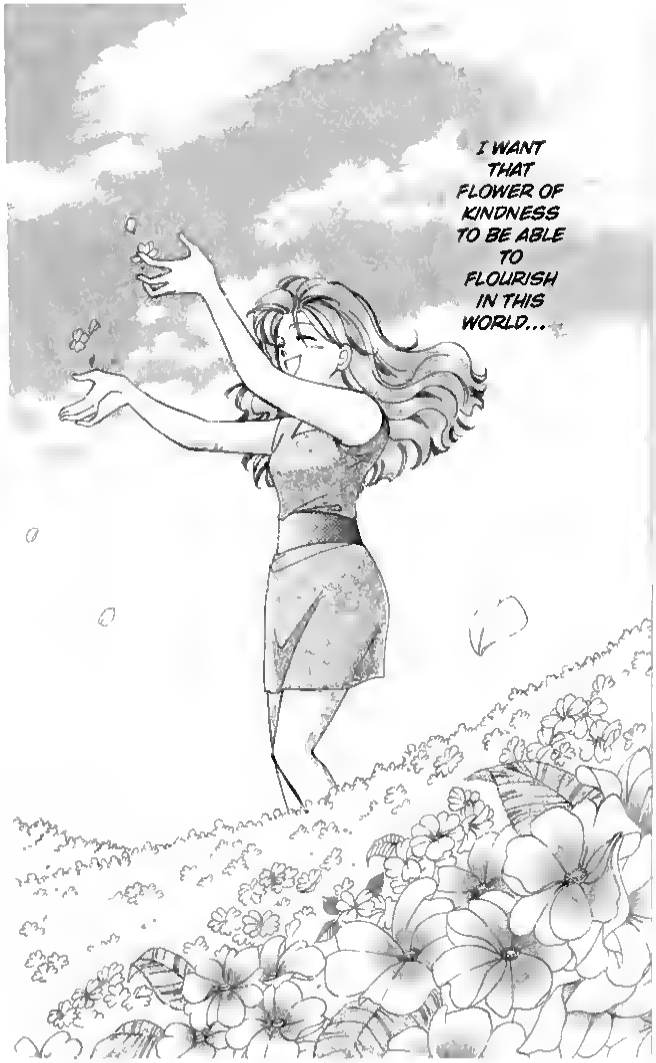
PRINCESS!
HE'S MY FRIEND!
I MAY STILL TOUCH HIS CORPSE!
NO! I TOUCHED HIM ACCIDENTALLY!
YOU MAY HAVE SAVED LADY PRIMULA'S LIFE, BUT YOU MUST PAY FOR BREAKING THE RULE.
YOU WILL BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY.
ARGENT, YOU MUST...
...DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT!
NOW, GO!
THE POISON HAS NOT AFFECTED YOUR SOUL! LIVE AS A FREE MAN!
START OVER AND LIVE A FULL LIFE.
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

YOU SEEMED TO SENSE WHAT I WAS THINKING AND KISSED ME.
I ENJOYED HAVING SOMEONE TO EAT WITH.
THANK YOU...
I WAS TIRED OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS. MY EXISTENCE WAS CAUSING OTHERS TO SUFFER.
I WANTED EVERYTHING TO BE OVER
YOU DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
IN FACT, YOU SAVED ME BY MAKING AN ANTIDOTE FROM COWSLIPS GROWING IN THE PRIMROSE GARDEN.
THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD AFTERWARDS.
LATER..
Cowslip belongs to the Primrose family. They have sedative qualities.

...YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A HEALER?
IS THAT WHY...
JUST AS I THOUGHT... YOU DIDN'T REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID—
I'M REALLY SORRY.
POISON CAN BE USED AS MEDICINE TO PROLONG LIFE DEPENDING ON HOW IT'S USED, RIGHT?
I BECAME A HEALER BECAUSE...
...I FOUND SOMEONE I WANTED TO PROTECT WITH MY LIFE...
I THINK THIS IS THE PERFECT JOB FOR YOU!

STOP!
CLASH!!
I REFUSE TO HAVE ANY MORE FOOD TASTERS STARTING TODAY!
I AM IN DANGER BECAUSE I AM WEAK IN BODY AND MIND.
FROM THIS DAY FORTH, I WILL BECOME STRONG!
I WILL BECOME STRONGER THAN EVERYONE ELSE!
I REMEMBER NOW
I DID SAY THAT TO YOU.

THIS WAY, PLEASE.
THE PRINCESS HAS DEMANDED TO SEE A HEALER RIGHT AWAY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
LADY PRIMULA..
WHAT'S WRONG THIS TIME?
MY LADY!
ARGENT THE APOTHECARY HAS ARRIVED!
...WHETHER IN SICKNESS OR IN HEALTH...


I WANT THAT FLOWER OF KINDNESS TO BE ABLE TO FLOURISH IN THIS WORLD...

"ARGENT YOU MUST DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT!"
"START OVER AND LIVE A FULL LIFE."
"THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO."
"THE POISON HAS NOT AFFECTED YOUR SOUL! LIVE AS A FREE MAN!"
"NOW, GO!"

WELCOME, ARGENT!
I INVITED YOU SO I COULD THANK ♡ YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!
WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO.
WILL YOU PLEASE JOIN ME FOR LUNCH?
...
I'D BE HONORED.
Recipe ♡ The End

The King's Castle at Beazol, a small kingdom located on the corner of the continent
Aaahhh
NO, SHE'S SICK FROM OVER-EATING
I HOPE SHE HASN'T BEEN POISONED AGAIN..
ARGENT, HOW IS THE PRINCESS DOING?
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME. YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED YOUR LESSON
PEARS ARE USEFUL IN BRINGING DOWN FEVER, BUT OVERIN-DULGENCE CAN CAUSE DIGESTIVE PROB-LEMS
I'M SURE YOU ATE TOO MANY PEARS.
REALLY? ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT MY LIFE?

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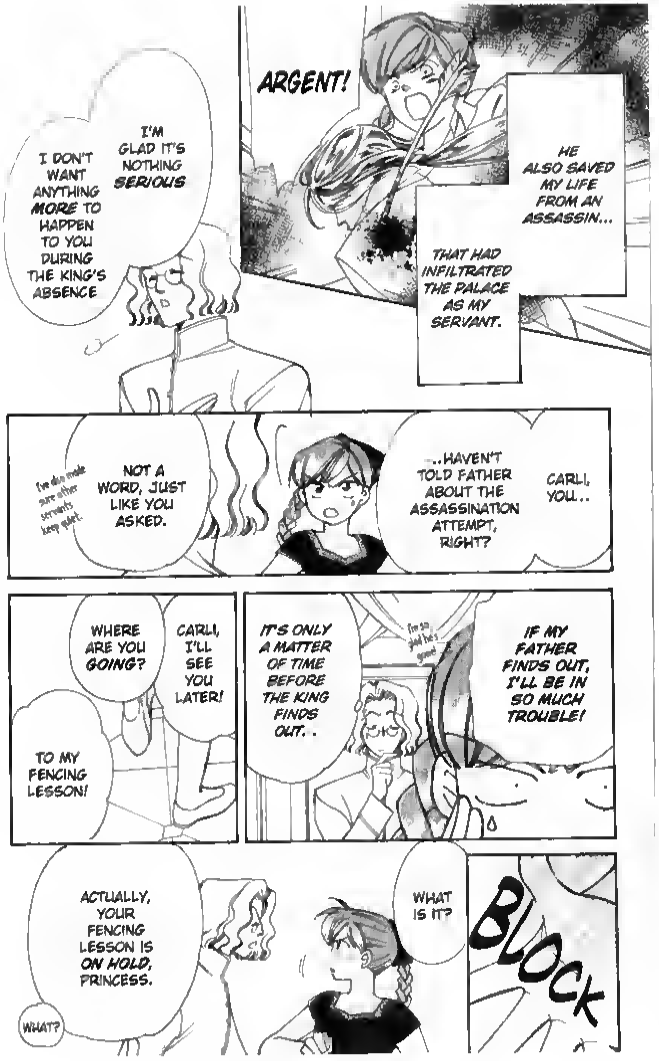
Recipe 2 The Shadow of Flowers

YOU'VE CALLED HIM OUT FOR MINOR COMPLAINTS LIKE SMALL CUTS AND SPRAINS
I THINK YOU'RE TESTING HIS PATIENCE, MY LADY.
WHAT'S WITH HIS ATTITUDE?
HE COULD BE FRIENDLIER TO ME, BUT HE'S SO DARNED ALOOF!
ARGENT WAS MY FORMER FOOD TASTER.
I FOUND HIM AGAIN AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
BUT...
I FREED HIM AND HE ESCAPED FROM THE CASTLE.
HE REAPPEARED BACK IN MY LIFE AS AN APOTHECARY.
FOOD TASTERS WERE USUALLY SLAVES WHO TASTED FOOD TO MAKE SURE IT WAS FREE OF POISON BEFORE IT WAS SERVED TO ARISTOCRATS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN POWER.
MANY ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO POISON ME, SO HE WAS BOUGHT AND SENT HERE TO PROTECT ME A LONG TIME AGO
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LADY PRIMULA

YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
CATCH ER
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE?
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME..
I WILL LEAVE SOME MEDICATION. BE SURE TO TAKE THEM.
SHE DID GET A STOMACHACHE AFTER VISITING A PEAR ORCHARD BEFORE!
How can he possibly tell?
...NOT A GUEST
I'VE BEEN CALLED HERE AS A HEALER..
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO STAY FOR SOME TEA
EXCUSE ME
SLAM
AS I SAID BEFORE, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE NEED FOR MY SERVICES.
I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO FINISH. I HAVE OTHER PATIENTS I MUST ATTEND TO.
LAST TIME, YOU...

HIS MAJESTY HAS ASKED YOU TO TAKE HIS PLACE AT THE FESTIVAL IN HIS ABSENCE.
HE WANTS ME TO LEAD THE HARVEST FESTIVAL?
I UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S RARELY HERE BECAUSE HE HAS MATTERS THAT NEED ATTENDING TO, BUT HE CAN'T EXPECT ME TO DO THIS!
WAIT A MINUTE!
AS A RESULT, YOU MUST TAKE HIS PLACE AND LEAD THE FESTIVAL.
YES. HIS BUSINESS IS KEEPING HIM AWAY LONGER THAN EXPECTED.
IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ATTEND TO THE DETAILS OF YOUR FUTURE ROLE.
YOU WILL LEAD THIS COUNTRY IN TIME
HE CANNOT BE AT THE CASTLE BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO SUPPRESS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES FROM BREAKING INTO WAR.
HIS MAJESTY DOES NOT HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE.


ARGENT!
HE ALSO SAVED MY LIFE FROM AN ASSASSIN...
THAT HAD INFILTRATED THE PALACE AS MY SERVANT.
I'M GLAD IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING MORE TO HAPPEN TO YOU DURING THE KING'S ABSENCE
I've also made sure other servants keep quiet.
NOT A WORD, JUST LIKE YOU ASKED.
...HAVEN'T TOLD FATHER ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, RIGHT?
CARLI, YOU...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
CARLI, I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
TO MY FENCING LESSON!
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE KING FINDS OUT. .
I'm so glad he's gone!
IF MY FATHER FINDS OUT, I'LL BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE!
ACTUALLY, YOUR FENCING LESSON IS ON HOLD, PRINCESS.
WHAT?
WHAT IS IT?
BLOCK

...I'M FINE.
EXCUSE ME! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SCRAPE
I'll bet she looks like a bear or a monster.
I BET SHE'S A BELLIGERENT GIANT OF A YOUNG WOMAN.
THE "PRINCESS OF STEEL"...
TRY USING THIS FATWOOD.
MAYBE THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE STARTER?
I WONDER WHY I HAVE A HARD TIME GETTING THE FIRE GOING.
THE CHIMNEY SEEMS TO BE WORKING.
ARGENT!
THANK YOU FOR THE FATWOOD AND DELIVERING MY HUSBAND'S MEDICINE
WOW! WHAT A PRETTY, VIOLET FLAME!
The sulfur causes the purple flames.
IT'S BEEN SOAKED IN SULFUR AND PHOSPHORUS SO YOU CAN JUST RUB IT TOGETHER TO LIGHT THEM.

SNAP
YOU NEED NOT WORRY
I CAN'T PROPERLY REPRESENT MY COUNTRY
I'M HORRIBLE AT GIVING SPEECHES
I HAVE NO GRACE OR MANNERS OF ANY KIND
BESIDES, YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING LESSONS REGARDING ETIQUETTE DURING VARIOUS ROYAL FUNCTIONS.
STARTING TODAY, I WILL MAKE SURE YOU LEARN.
AFTER ALL, I AM YOUR ETIQUETTE INSTRUCTOR. THAT'S MY JOB.
I didn't know your eyes were so big.
HOW OLD IS THE PRINCESS?
I BELIEVE SHE'S 16 THIS YEAR.
I HEAR ALL SHE DOES IS SWING A SWORD AROUND. SOME FOLKS CALL HER THE "PRINCESS OF STEEL."
I HEAR LADY PRIMULA IS GOING TO LEAD THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.
THAT'S UNUSUAL! SHE HASN'T BEEN PRESENT AT ANY FUNCTIONS FOR A LONG TIME

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DRIP
WITHER
"HE'S BEEN AFFLICTED WITH THE 'GRIM REAPER'S CURSE.'"
"WHY?"
"NO, PRINCESS! YOU MUST NEVER TOUCH HIM!"
"YOU ARE TO NEVER LAY YOUR FINGER ON THE PRINCESS."

HE'S A YOUNG APOTHECARY NAMED ARGENT
WHO IS THAT?
SURE
CAN YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THIS?
HOW SWEET OF YOU!
HERE, THIS IS FOR YOU!
THANKS!
HE MAKES MEDICINE...
...SO HE'S VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PLANTS AND POISONS IN GENERAL.
THIS IS POISONOUS. DON'T EAT THIS.
HE COMES TO THIS VILLAGE TO MAKE MONEY, BUT HE MAINLY STAYS IN THE FOREST.
HE'S BETTER THAN YOUR AVERAGE DOCTOR IF HE WENT TO THE CITY, HE WOULD MAKE A LOT MORE.
LATER, ARGENT!
I should talk to him...
REALLY ...

PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR THE INTERRUPTION.
I TOLD YOU I CAN'T DO THIS!
CAN'T WE JUST CANCEL THE WHOLE THING?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WEALTH OF YOUR COUNTRY?
HE'S RIGHT
NO, NO! YOU MUST BE MORE GRACEFUL! THE TORCH IS NOT A SWORD!
AAAGH!
FENCING INSTRUCTOR
EDUCATIONAL MINISTER

THE FARMERS THAT PLOW THE FIELDS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THIS COUNTRY
WE DON'T HAVE MANY RESOURCES, BUT OUR FERTILE LAND IS THE ENVY OF MANY COUNTRIES
I KNOW IT'S MOSTLY FARMING CROPS...
I think

...IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE OMEN OF A BAD HARVEST AND PESTILENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
IF THERE IS A MISTAKE DURING THE FESTIVAL...
IT IS AN ESSENTIAL DAY FOR THE KING TO REWARD THE PEASANTS FOR THEIR ARDUOUS LABOR.
THE HARVEST FESTIVAL ISN'T AN ORDINARY FESTIVAL.

THE KING'S ROLE IS TO LEAD THE CLOSING CEREMONY FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.
THE CLOSING CEREMONY CONSISTS OF LIGHTING THE FIREWORKS TO THANK THE HEAVENS FOR A GOOD HARVEST...
...AND THE FLOWER DANCE FLOWERS ARE SCATTERED DURING THE DANCE TO THANK THE EARTH
THAT'S THE BASIC SUMMARY OF YOUR ROLE
WE'LL START WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE FIREWORKS.
Got it!
YOU WILL SHIFT YOUR HANDS TO ..
SWING
YOU WILL HOIST THE TORCH AND BOW TO THE PEOPLE.

UM .. WAIT!
I SEE.
IT'S NONE OF YOUR CONCERN.
YOU LOOK PALE. WHAT'S WRONG?
DO YOU MIND LISTENING TO ME FOR A MINUTE?
THE HECKLER WAS FROM A FACTION THAT WAS UPSET THAT I WAS THE HEIR TO THE THRONE.
I KNOW YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THAT SQUABBLE.
NOW, LIKE BEFORE, THERE ARE MANY THAT WOULD REJOICE AND FACILITATE MY FAILURE.
...I HAD TO MAKE A SPEECH ON THE STAGE SOMEONE HECKLED ME, AND I WENT COMPLETELY BLANK.
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH CEREMONY, BUT...

THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY DEPENDS ON YOUR PERFORMANCE
THAT MEANS THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WILL BE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY.
EXTREME PRESSURE
I HAVEN'T CALLED FOR YOU TODAY.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE BUSY WITH WORK. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OH, OKAY.
I HAD FORGOTTEN SOMETHING.
MY STOMACH HURTS...
ARGENT?
A WAFT OF SWEET PERFUME!

I FEEL A LOT BETTER NOW
YOUR WORDS WORKED BETTER THAN ANY MEDICINE I COULD HAVE TAKEN!
IT'S A PRETTY DAY...
NO. SAY "THIS FORTUITOUS DAY..."
...!
STAND UP STRAIGHT AND TUCK YOUR CHIN.
YOU WANT TO GLIDE.
LIFT YOUR HANDS HIGHER.
THE BRAT'S HARD AT WORK, EH?
THE PRINCESS IS PRACTICING HER ROLE FOR THE FESTIVAL, CONSUL JIRCON.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
FORTUITOUS DAY?

...NOW, I'M AFRAID TO BE PART OF ROYAL FUNCTIONS.
IT WASN'T A MAJOR CATASTROPHE, BUT...
THE HECKLER WAS PROBABLY DRUNK BECAUSE HE PASSED OUT RIGHT AWAY.
THERE WERE EVEN RUMORS THAT I WASN'T THE KING'S CHILD.
I HAVE NEITHER THE *INTELLIGENCE* NOR *PRESENCE* WORTHY OF THE THRONE.
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE ARE *OPPOSED TO ME*. AFTER ALL, I'M NOT *SHARP* OR *NOBLE* LIKE MY FATHER.
A LEADER IS ABOUT *BRINGING OUT THE BEST* IN HIS PEOPLE.
DON'T BE SWAYED BY OTHER PEOPLE'S *OPINIONS*
YOU'RE NOT A LITTLE GIRL ANYMORE. YOU'VE CHANGED
I THINK YOU'RE VERY CAPABLE OF THAT.
YOU'VE GIVEN ME MOTIVATION TO *WORK HARDER*
THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

ARGENT!
SLAM
BOOM
WHOA!
A MAN AT THE VILLAGE WANTED ME TO MAKE HIM SOMETHING TO SCARE THE BIRDS OFF HIS FARM.
YOU'RE USING EXPLOSIVES! ISN'T THAT DANGEROUS?
YOU CAN RUN FROM THE EXPLOSION. I THINK THE GAS PRODUCED BY THE SULFUR AND POTASSIUM NITRATE IS MORE HARMFUL.
YOU BLEW A HOLE IN YOUR CEILING!
IT HAPPENS EVERY NOW AND THEN. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
PRINCESS! YOU CAN'T JUST WALK IN HERE!
I TOLD YOU LAST TIME THAT I HAVE DANGEROUS CHEMICALS HERE!
WHAT WAS THAT?

YOU ARE STILL A LITTLE ROUGH...
REALLY?!
I THINK YOU DID WELL, MY LADY!
WELL, IT'S AN EXTENSION OF YOUR PERSONALITY.
...I HOPE TO ATTEND ANOTHER CELEBRATION WITH MY PEOPLE IN THE COMING YEAR. I WILL SWEAR TO UPHOLD THE PRIDE OF THE THRONE IN MY FATHER'S ABSENCE.
FINALLY
YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF!
CONGRATULATIONS, PRINCESS
THANK YOU, CARL!!
PRINCESS? WHERE ARE YOU?
KNOCK KNOCK
MAKE SURE NOT TO OVEREAT, AND WEAR A WARM NIGHTGOWN SO YOU WON'T GET THE CHILLS.
PLEASE REST WELL FOR TOMORROW'S EVENT.

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
JUST BE THERE!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO THINK, GO AHEAD!
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK ...?
YOU WANT A HEALER JUST IN CASE YOU OVEREAT AGAIN?
WHAT ARE YOU FRETTING ABOUT?
HURRY, BEFORE THE PRINCESS COMES BACK!
REMOVE THAT! NOW!
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU HAVE TO WAIT HERE FOR A WHILE.
WHAT'S WRONG?
PRIN-CESS!
I'M BACK!

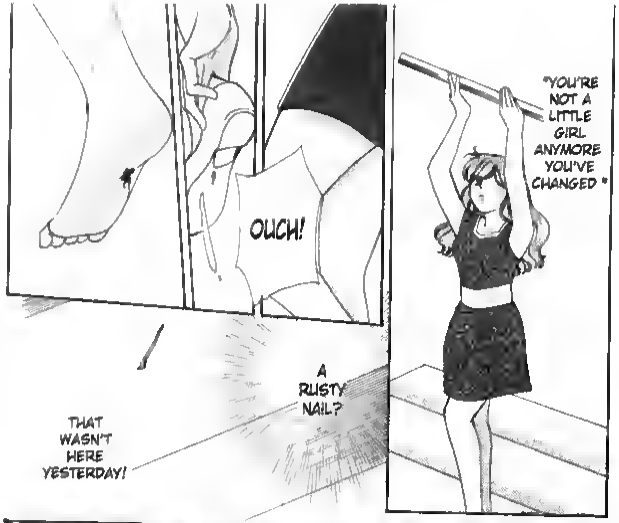
WELL, YOU NEED TO GIVE YOUR-SELF...
...A BREAK FROM POISON ONCE IN A WHILE.
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM FOR ME.
I'M IMMUNE TO POISON IN FACT, MY BODY ITSELF IS POISON-OUS.
I CAME HERE TO THANK YOU FOR LISTEN-ING TO ME.
IT'LL BE GREAT! THERE WILL BE MORE SHRIMP AND HAM THAN YOU CAN EVER EAT!
I HAVE A SPECIAL SEAT RESERVED FOR YOU.
I WANT TO INVITE YOU TO THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

HOW IS LADY PRIMULA?
SHE'S BEEN FEELING ILL SINCE THIS MORNING.
YOU MAY ENTER.
PRIN-CESS ...
ARGENT HAS ARRIVED
...
EXCUSE ME, MY LADY.
THE RUMORS MAY BE TRUE.
SHE MAY NOT BE HIS CHILD.

"PRINCESS PRIMULA WILL BE THE RUIN OF THIS GREAT NATION. HER FAILURE TO CLOSE THE HARVEST FESTIVAL WILL BE THE PROOF..."
SOMEONE TRASHED THE PRIMROSE GARDEN!
IT'S JUST A JOKE, I'M SURE.
...
"YOUR FUTURE WILL BE RUINED LIKE THESE FLOWERS..."
"HER FATHER IS SO NOBLE AND STRONG...
...UNLIKE HIS DAUGHTER."
"TO THINK THAT SHE'LL TAKE THE CROWN ONE DAY..."
"WHAT A DULL AND UN-RELIABLE GIRL."
"THAT'S THE PRIN-CESS?"

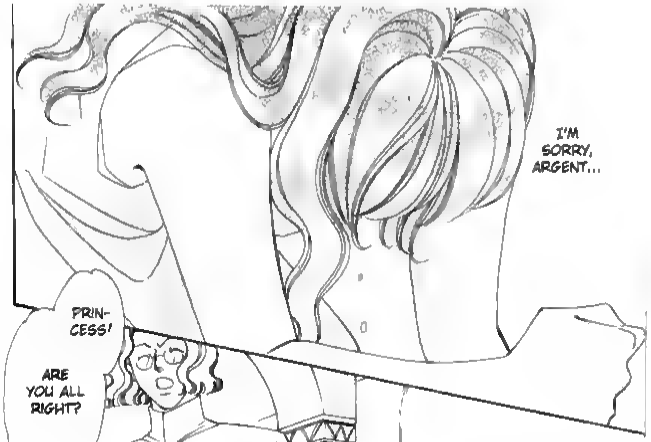
I'M A HEALER. THAT'S NOT MY JOB
I AM POISONOUS, AND I HAVE CONTROL OVER HOW MY POISON GETS USED.
THAT SAID, I DID NOT BECOME A HEALER TO HURT OTHER PEOPLE.
I THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD THAT BEST
I CHOSE TO BE ONE BECAUSE I WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE.
APOTHECARIES HEAL PEOPLE.
"POISON CAN BE MEDICINE AND PROLONG LIFE DEPENDING ON HOW IT'S USED, RIGHT? I THINK THIS IS THE PERFECT JOB FOR YOU!"
"THE POISON HAS NOT AFFECTED YOUR SOUL! LIVE AS A FREE MAN!"
"THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO. START OVER AND LIVE A FULL LIFE."
SUKA

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
I JUST DON'T WANT TO PERFORM AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL, THAT'S ALL.
OH DARN. YOU CAUGHT ME!
YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO DIAGNOSE.
I RUSHED OVER HERE BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED.
BUT YOU'RE FAKING IT!
SOMEONE'S TRYING TO BRING ME DOWN AGAIN
IF I'M GOING TO FEEL TERRIBLE LIKE BEFORE, I'D RATHER NOT EVEN START!
YOU CAN SILENCE THE JERKS THAT WANT TO PULL MY LEG!
CAN'T YOU POISON THE WHOLE LOT OF THEM OR SOMETHING?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU HELP ME!
THIS CEREMONY ISN'T ABOUT YOU, PRINCESS.


OUCH!
A RUSTY NAIL?
THAT WASN'T HERE YESTERDAY!
"YOU'RE NOT A LITTLE GIRL ANYMORE YOU'VE CHANGED."

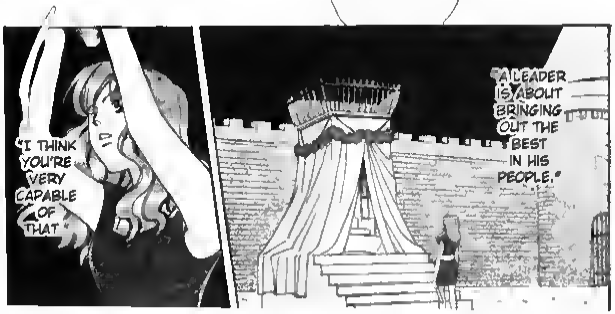
I CAN'T BACK DOWN
I MUST DO THIS
IS THIS ANOTHER TRAP?

THANK YOU.
I THINK WE'VE DONE ENOUGH, BUT I WANT YOU TO DO ONE MORE THING
HERE'S THE MONEY I PROMISED.
I'VE CHANGED!


I'M SORRY, ARGENT...
PRIN-CESS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M GOING TO PRACTICE ONE MORE TIME.
I'M RELIEVED!
PHEW
I DIDN'T MEAN TO WORRY YOU LIKE THAT.
I'M FEELING BETTER.

YOU HAVE A LOT TO DO ALREADY. I CAN PRACTICE ALONE.
I'LL HELP YOU.


"I THINK YOU'RE VERY CAPABLE OF THAT."
"A LEADER IS ABOUT BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN HIS PEOPLE."

I JUST HAVE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE FESTIVAL.
I DOUBT HE'LL COME IF YOU CALL.
I'LL CALL ARGENT RIGHT AWAY.
PRINCESS ...
LIKE YOU SAID, I THINK HE'S FINALLY SICK OF ME.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
BUT...
GIGGLE
HA HA HA HA HA
CHATTER
SHE'S QUITE PRETTY!
THERE'S LADY PRIMULA!
CHEER
IS IT JUST ME OR DOES SHE LOOK PALE?
I THOUGHT SHE'D BE AN UNGRACIOUS GIANT OF A WOMAN BY HER NICKNAME!

WHAT IS IT?
DURING TOMORROW'S FESTIVAL...
ARE YOU READY YET?
LADY PRIMULA!
I STEPPED ON A RUSTY NAIL DURING YESTERDAY'S PRACTICE
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU HAVE A FEVER!
LADY PRIMULA!
LADY PRIMULA!

"THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY DEPENDS ON YOUR PERFORMANCE."
"IF THERE IS A MISTAKE DURING THE FESTIVAL, IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE OMEN OF A BAD HARVEST AND PESTILENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR."
IS THIS ANOTHER TRAP?!
BOOM
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
THIS IS UNTHINKABLE!
THE FIREWORKS HAVE NEVER FAILED TO IGNITE UNTIL NOW!
THIS IS THE WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO BEAZOL!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

HE'S NOT HERE...
ARGENT...
BWHOM
?
THE WICK IS DRENCHED IN WATER?!
THAT'S THE BASIC SUMMARY OF YOUR ROLE.
WE'LL START WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE FIREWORKS."
"...AND THE FLOWER DANCE. FLOWERS ARE SCATTERED DURING THE DANCE TO THANK THE EARTH."
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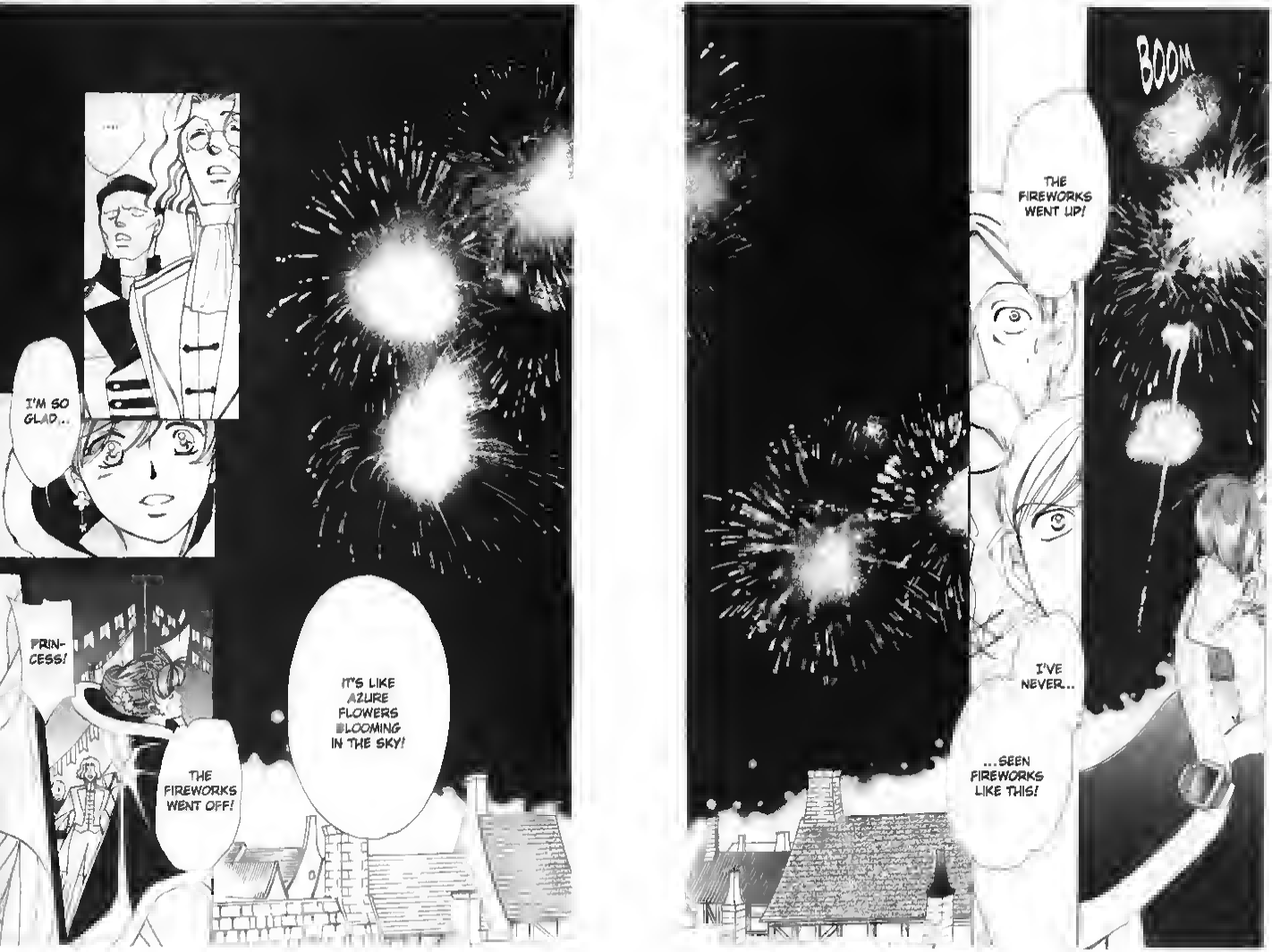

I'M SO GLAD..
PRIN-CESS!
THE FIREWORKS WENT OFF!
IT'S LIKE AZURE FLOWERS BLOOMING IN THE SKY!
BOOM
THE FIREWORKS WENT UP!
I'VE NEVER..
...SEEN FIREWORKS LIKE THIS!

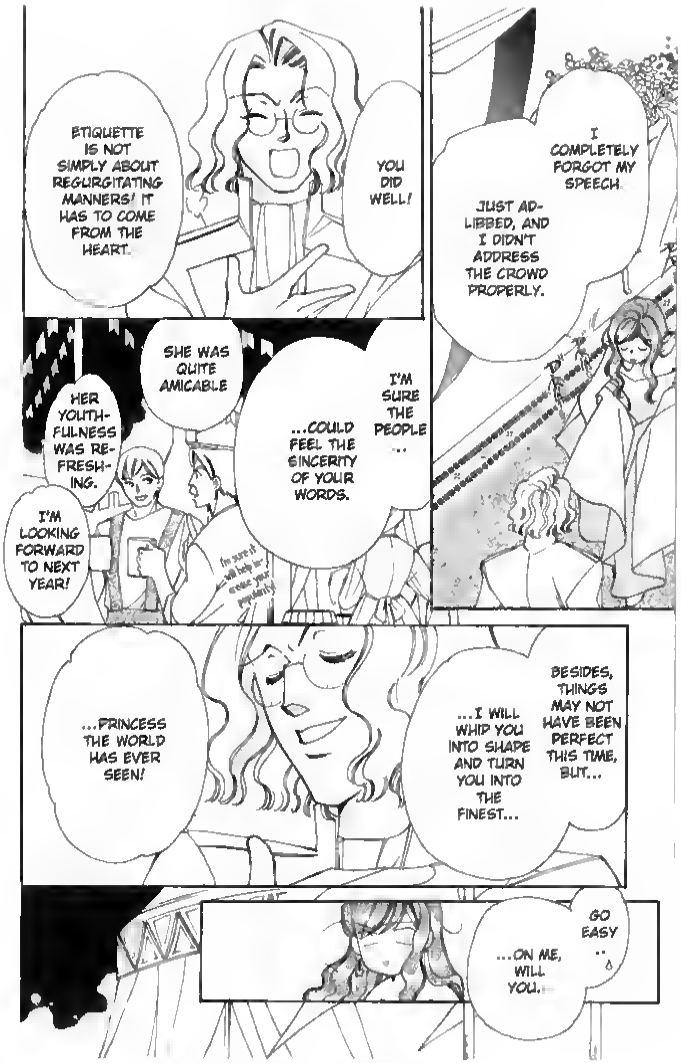
IT'S THE PRINCESS' FLOWERS!
HOW BEAUTIFUL!
ARE COVERED IN FLOWERS!
BOTH HEAVEN AND EARTH ...
CHEERS!
LONG LIVE LADY PRIMULA!
PLEASE RETURN TO THE STAGE.
YOU MUST ADDRESS YOUR PEOPLE.
CARL!!

THUD
I SAID HORRIBLE THINGS TO YOU.
WHY DON'T YOU CALL ME...
...WHEN YOU REALLY NEED ME?
WE NEED TO BRING DOWN HER FEVER!
WE NEED TO GET HER FEELING BETTER. QUICK!
WE'VE GOT SOME EXTRA TIME DUE TO THE FIREWORKS.
ON THE COUNT OF 3! 1, 2, 3!
EVERYONE! GET MOVING!
PRINCESS, WE'LL SCATTER THE FLOWERS!

CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
ARE YOU A HEALER? I GOT DIZZY AFTER I FELT A PRICK.
SULFUR PRODUCES A GAS THAT CAN STIMULATE THE OPTICAL AND RESPIRATORY NERVES
IT'S EASY TO DISSOLVE IN WATER, AND IF IT ENTERS THE BLOODSTREAM IT CAN CAUSE UNCONSCIOUSNESS.
DEPENDING ON THE DOSE, IT CAN CAUSE DEATH THROUGH RESPIRATORY DISTRESS.
I WILL NOT HESITATE TO KILL LADY PRIMULA'S ENEMIES
FORWARD THAT TO THE MEN THAT SENT YOU.
WHAT THE HELL? YOU CRAZY HEALER!
GRRR
ACTUALLY, I ONLY GAVE HIM A MILD SEDATIVE.
PRINCESS, YOU WERE WONDERFUL TODAY!
THAT WAS GREAT! I ALMOST CRIED!

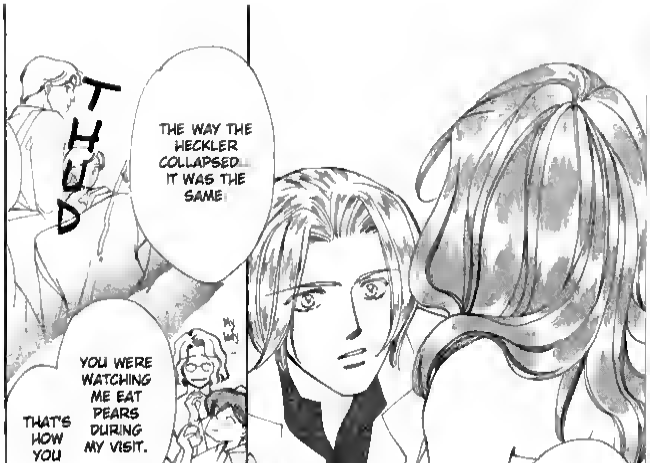
THUD
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
IS HE DRUNK?
THE CEREMONY IS TOO EXTRAVAGANT!
HOW DARE YOU MAKE LIGHT OF TRADITION!
THAT'S UNFORGIVABLE!
I HAVEN'T APPEARED IN PUBLIC FOR QUITE SOME TIME, BUT I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH MY PEOPLE.
THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THIS COUNTRY DEPEND ON YOU, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK.
I'M STILL YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED, BUT I AM GRATEFUL OF YOUR SUPPORT.
I THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

I STILL HAVE TO LOOK AT HER INJURED FEET.
THAT'S RIGHT! I ALMOST FORGOT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE REST.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING. PLEASE REST UP!
THE FIRE-WORKS ...
YOU PREPARED THEM, DIDN'T YOU? THANK YOU.
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'LL GET YOUR-SELF INTO...
...IF I TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU
IS THAT WHY YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING OVER ME THE WHOLE TIME?


YOU DID WELL!
ETIQUETTE IS NOT SIMPLY ABOUT REGURGITATING MANNERS! IT HAS TO COME FROM THE HEART.
I COMPLETELY FORGOT MY SPEECH.
JUST AD-LIBBED, AND I DIDN'T ADDRESS THE CROWD PROPERLY.
I'M SURE THE PEOPLE ...
...COULD FEEL THE SINCERITY OF YOUR WORDS.
SHE WAS QUITE AMICABLE
HER YOUTH-FULNESS WAS RE-FRESH-ING.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!
BESIDES, THINGS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PERFECT THIS TIME, BUT...
...I WILL WHIP YOU INTO SHAPE AND TURN YOU INTO THE FINEST...
...PRINCESS THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN!
GO EASY ..
...ON ME, WILL YOU...

"WHAT IS THAT GIRL DOING NOW?"
..I WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
AFTER I LEFT THE CASTLE ..

"I HOPE SHE'S NOT IN ANOTHER MESS ..."
"DID SOMEONE TRY TO KILL HER AGAIN?"
..I COULDN'T GO NEAR YOU!
I WAS TOLD TO DISAPPEAR WHEN I LEFT THE CASTLE, SO...


THUD
THE WAY THE HECKLER COLLAPSED... IT WAS THE SAME.
YOU WERE WATCHING ME EAT PEARS DURING MY VISIT.
THAT'S HOW YOU KNEW I OVERATE PEARS
... ...
YOU WERE THERE BEFORE
AT THE LAST PUBLIC FUNCTION I ATTENDED...

REALLY? YOU JUST HAPPENED TO FIND ME?
NO! I SPOTTED YOU WHEN I WAS IN TOWN!
YOU'VE BEEN SPYING ON ME.
YOU SAID YOU CAN'T POISON PEOPLE, BUT WHAT IS THIS?
I SEE HOW YOU WORK.

YOU GIVE PEOPLE THE MIRACLE OF LIFE...
Near the Border of Beazoi
IT COULD BE THE RESULT OF DECREASE IN MANPOWER ON OUR END...
THE BATTLES HAVE LASTED LONGER THAN EXPECTED.
THE ENEMY IS QUITE RESOURCEFUL.
WE'VE HAD TO FALL BACK FOR THE TIME BEING.
YOUR MAJESTY. WE'RE STILL IN A STALEMATE IN THE NORTHERN FOREST

...TO HURT YOURSELF WITH MY OWN POISON AGAIN.
I ALSO DIDN'T WANT YOU...
I'M NOT AFRAID OF POISON ANYMORE
I TOLD YOU ALREADY.
IS THAT WHY YOU WERE SO ALOOF WITH ME?
...NOW YOU CAN MAKE FLOWERS BLOOM IN THE SKY.
YOUR HANDS MAY MAKE FLOWERS WILT AND DIE, BUT...
YOU'VE ALSO GROWN UP AND CHANGED, TOO.
YOU USED TO HAVE THE HANDS OF DEATH. YOU'VE CHANGED THEM TO HANDS OF LIFE.

CARRY EVERYTHING OUT!
THERE ARE MANY DANGEROUS CHEMICALS, SO BE VERY CAREFUL DURING TRANSPORT!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
SIR ARGENT, WE HAVE...
...PREPARED A RESIDENCE FOR YOU ON PALACE GROUNDS. YOU'VE BEEN ORDERED TO RELOCATE.
IT'S A DIRECT ORDER FROM LADY PRIMULA.
SLAM
WELCOME ARGENT!
THIS IS GOING TO BE YOUR NEW HOME!
DO YOU LIKE IT?

YOUR MAJESTY!
I HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE PALACE.
WHAT IS IT?
WE MUST THINK OF A NEW PLAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
PRINCESS PRIMULA SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED HER DUTIES DURING THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS REGARDING THE PRINCESS' ATTENDANTS
THE OTHER CONCERN IS THAT HER FORMER FOOD TASTER IS BACK IN HER COMPANY AS HER APOTHECARY.
AN ASSASSIN INFILTRATED HER IMMEDIATE CIRCLE. HE MADE AN ATTEMPT ON HER LIFE, BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.
I'LL LEAVE YOU TO CONDUCT THE TROOPS
I'M RETURNING TO THE CASTLE!
ARE YOU ARGENT THE APOTHECARY?
THAT'S ME.

YOU ARE FREE TO DO AS YOU PLEASE UNLESS YOU RECEIVE A CALL FROM THE COURT.
AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU, I'M INVINCIBLE.
WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER, ARGENT?
...
...
...
I'LL BE HONORED TO SERVE YOU, MY LADY.
GOOD! I HAVE AN ORDER FOR YOU!
I WANT YOU TO ENTER THE PALACE

THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE!
I THOUGHT THAT BIG HOLE IN YOUR ROOF WOULD CAUSE YOU PROBLEMS.
BESIDES, THIS IS A MUCH BIGGER RESIDENCE.
IT'S MADE OF STONE, SO IT WILL BE MUCH MORE DURABLE. YOU CAN EXPERIMENT ALL YOU WANT.
YOU CAN OPEN UP AN APOTHECARY HERE
YOU ARE GOING TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS COUNTRY AND HER PEOPLE.
YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE OFFICIAL ROYAL APOTHECARY!
ROYAL APOTHE-CARY?
YOUR FIREWORKS WERE QUITE POPULAR AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.
I want a repeat performance next year!
BESIDES, IF YOU'RE THE RESIDENT PALACE DOCTOR...
...YOU CAN COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE.

Some years ago
Western border of the continent.
Harbor city on the coast of a peninsula.
WHAT DO YOU NEED TODAY, YOUR MAJESTY?
I HAVE THE PERFECT THING FOR YOU!
A FOOD TASTER ...
KA-TCHK
HE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT HE'S DANGEROUS.
A CHILD?
LATEST WEAPONS?
RARE SPECIES OF GIGANTIC TROPICAL LIZARDS?
CLACK CLICK
I JUST NEED A SLAVE AS A FOOD TASTER FOR MY DAUGHTER.

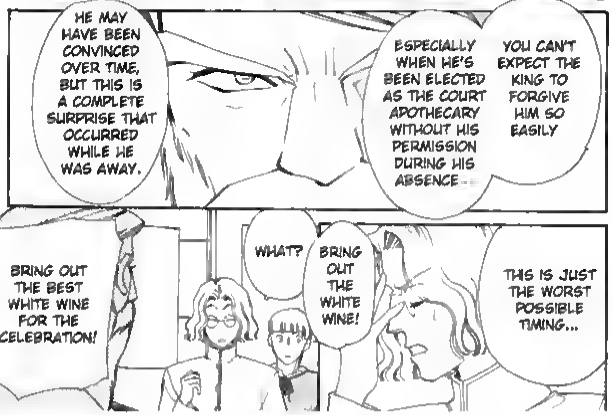
...AND ATTEND FESTIVITIES IN YOUR HONOR!
CARLI, WE HAVE TO RETURN TO THE CASTLE AND PREPARE FOR THE FEAST!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE GUEST OF HONOR!
YOU HAVE TO SHOW UP!
HER FEARLESSNESS AND RECKLESSNESS...
CANNOT BE IGNORED.
PRINCESS...
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BACK DOWN ON ME NOW!
SIGH
MAKING AN IMPORTANT DECISION WITHOUT THE KING'S PERMISSION...
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS, MY LADY.
BESIDES, HE PROBABLY WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE.
TOK
Recipe 2/ The End

Apothecarius Argentum

Recipe 3 - The King and the Apothecary

A SECRET, ANCIENT EASTERN ORGANIZATION CALLED CADOCAEUS...
...RAISED HUMAN WEAPONS TO BE USED AS ASSASSINS
WHAT IS THAT?
I BELIEVE HE'S A BASILISK?!
THE SEAL OF HERMES' STAFF AND THE SILVER HAIR...
THEIR HAIR TURNS MORE PLATINUM AS THEIR TOXICITY INCREASES. THEY ALSO SMELL LIKE THE SWEET SCENT OF DEADLY BLOOMS...
FLOWERS WILT WHEN THEY TOUCH THEM. THEIR BLOOD BURNS LIKE ACID AND CAN BE FATAL IF IT ENTERS ANOTHER BODY.
LIKE BASILISK, THE MYTHICAL MONSTER, THEIR BODY IS HIGHLY VENOMOUS.
THEY HAVE BEEN SLOWLY DOSED WITH POISON SINCE BIRTH AND TRAINED IN THE DEADLY ARTS.
HE'S A WISE PURCHASE FOR AN IMPORTANT MAN LIKE YOU..
HE'S A PERFECT FOOD TASTER, BUT THERE ARE MANY USES FOR HIS KIND
HE CAN'T BE POISONED.
I HAD HEARD OF THEM, BUT I'D NEVER SEEN ONE

DID I SCREW UP, CARL!?
YES YOU DID, MY LADY.
AFTER ALL, HE WAS A FORMER SLAVE WHO ESCAPED.
...
...THOUGHT YOU WOULD DARE SHOW YOUR FACE HERE AGAIN!


HE MAY HAVE BEEN CONVINCED OVER TIME, BUT THIS IS A COMPLETE SURPRISE THAT OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS AWAY.
ESPECIALLY WHEN HE'S BEEN ELECTED AS THE COURT APOTHECARY WITHOUT HIS PERMISSION DURING HIS ABSENCE...
YOU CAN'T EXPECT THE KING TO FORGIVE HIM SO EASILY
BRING OUT THE BEST WHITE WINE FOR THE CELEBRATION!
WHAT?
BRING OUT THE WHITE WINE!
THIS IS JUST THE WORST POSSIBLE TIMING...

A Few Years Later
Inside the Castle of Beazol
ARGENT, THE GUEST OF HONOR, HAS ARRIVED!
LADY PRIMULA!
CHATTER
...
...
STAND BACK!
SIR CARL, WHICH WINE SHOULD I PREPARE?
BANG
THE PARTY FOR ARGENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
BUT...
You guys look pale.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
THE KING HAS RETURNED FROM BATTLE!
What!?
I NEVER
CLACK
CLICK
ARGENT, I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD BE ALIVE...

YOU ARE TOO RECKLESS!
I WORRY SO MUCH IT TEARS ME APART!
There they go again...
..YOU SHOULD NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.
PRI-MULA ...
SO YOU KNEW ABOUT EVERYTHING, FATHER...
SHOVE
THEN YOU TRY TO MAKE UP FOR IT!
ARGH! YOU ALWAYS LEAVE ME BEHIND!
SQUEEZE
DADDY, THAT HURTS!

I GET IT, FATHER. I DO WANT YOU TO SPEND TIME WITH ME.
MY REAL DAUGHTER IS SO COLD!
WHEN I CAN'T SEE YOU, I HAVE THIS DOLL SO I CAN STILL TALK TO YOU AND TUCK YOU INTO BED
I PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO LEAVE YOU.
PRIMULA DOLL

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR GOOD WORK!
SHAKE SHAKE
YOU'VE SAVED MY DAUGHTER BOTH TIMES FROM RUIN!
THE ASSAS-SINATION ATTEMPT AND THE PLOT TO RUIN THE HARVEST FESTIVAL ..
I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

UH.. YOU'RE WELCOME ..

CHATTER
CHATTER

WHY ARE YOU FOOLS JUST STANDING THERE! GET MOVING!
THERE WILL BE A GRAND FEAST IN THIS MAN'S HONOR!
YES, SIR!

YES, YOUR MAJESTY.
I'M NOT COMFORTABLE WITH THIS.
HE IS A BIT WEIRD, THOUGH.
HE SAID YOU CAN STAY AT THE CASTLE UNTIL YOUR NEW SHOP IS READY.
NO WONDER MY FATHER HAS AN IMPECCABLE REPUTATION! HE'S A GRACIOUS MAN THAT CAN SPOT TALENT WHEN HE SEES IT!
ACCORDING TO MY MEMORY, THE KING IS A...
...COLD AND CALCULATING MAN
WHAT?

HE DID SAVE YOUR LIFE. MY JOB AS KING REQUIRES THAT I ENCOURAGE MY PEOPLE TO MAKE THE BEST OF THEIR TALENTS.
I WILL ALLOW IT
YOU'LL FORGIVE HIS PAST?
I CERTAINLY WILL.
SO, I HAVE TO ASK...
CAN ARGENT BE THE PALACE APOTHECARY?
REALLY? THANK YOU!
IT'S FOR YOU, MY LOVE
YOU WANT ARGENT AS THE PALACE APOTHECARY?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT. HAVE YOU...
...DONE YOUR INVESTIGATION?
THIS IS PATHETIC...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, YOUR MAJESTY?
YOU'RE OFFICIALLY ARGENT! THE PALACE APOTHECARY NOW!
YES!

HE CAN REFUSE IF HE RESIGNS FROM HIS POSITION.
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.
WHAT WOULD YOU PREFER, ARGENT?
ME, TOO!
PRIMULA!
HIS JOB IS TO FOLLOW MY ORDER!
YOUR JOB AS THE HEIR TO THE THRONE IS TO PROTECT THE PALACE DURING MY ABSENCE!
ARGENT, PREPARE TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
TAKE SOME PRIDE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR POSITION.
---!

YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
YOU JUST GOT BACK 3 DAYS AGO!
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
I SEE...
I RETURNED TO ASCERTAIN YOUR SAFETY. I'M NOT IN A SITUATION WHERE I CAN STAY.
FORGIVE ME, PRIMULA.
WHAT?
I NEED TO BORROW ARGENT.
HE'S AN APOTHECARY, NOT A KNIGHT!
YOU'RE TAKING HIM INTO BATTLE? THAT'S DANGEROUS!
NO, HE'S NOW THE PALACE APOTHECARY.
I'M AN OLD MAN. HAVING A GOOD HEALER WILL PUT MY HEART AT EASE.

I ALMOST FORGOT THAT BASILISKS, YOU INCLUDED, ARE WEAPONS.
YOUR BENIGN APPEARANCE IS TO FOOL THE ENEMY..
A PALACE APOTHECARY.. THE PERFECT JOB FOR YOU.
YOU LOOK GREAT.
WHY DOES SHE SHOWER YOU WITH PERSONAL ATTENTION?
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
SIGH
LOOKS LIKE MY DAUGHTER WAS SEDUCED BY YOUR LOOKS.
?!
SHOVE
HM...
IS THAT HOW YOU FEEL?
I'M SURE IT'S BECAUSE OF THE PAST. THERE'S NOTHING OTHER THAN GOOD WILL.
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.

I'M LEAVING, MY LADY.
AR-GENT ..
LET'S GO!
...PART OF MY PLAN!
THIS WASN'T ...
YOUR MAJESTY PROBABLY HAD A JOB FOR HIM IN MIND. NO WONDER HE GRANTED YOUR WISH SO READILY.

HOW DARE YOU ATTACK A VALUABLE CLIENT!
I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE, YOUR HIGHNESS
BASILISKS HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO KILL MEN IN NUMEROUS WAYS. PLEASE EXERCISE CAUTION AROUND THIS CHILD!
SLAMM
HE ONLY SCRAPED MY SKIN.
HOLD ON...
IF YOU REFUSE...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EAT LIKE A KING EVERY DAY.
IT'S A SIMPLE ENOUGH JOB YOU JUST HAVE TO TASTE MY DAUGHTER'S FOOD BEFORE SHE DOES.
DON'T YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME?

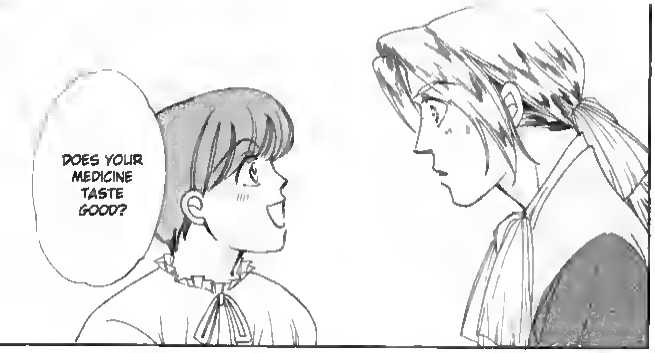
THEY WILL BE HEADING TO THE BATTLE-FIELDS.
WE HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO TEND TO.
I HEARD THAT YOU WERE COMMANDING ARMIES TO DEAL WITH CHALLENGES FROM BORDERING COUNTRIES.
I'VE GOT OTHER MEN TAKING CARE OF THAT PROBLEM FOR ME.
WE'RE GOING TO PAY A COVERT VISIT. IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN DO OPENLY.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ARGENT!
I MAY NOT HAVE A LOT OF PROTECTION...
...BUT I HAVE YOU ALONG FOR THE RIDE
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS MAN...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, YOUR MAJESTY!?
.. HE LAUGHED JUST LIKE HE DID A MOMENT AGO ..
...WHEN I FIRST MET HIM—

WE'RE ALSO WORRIED ABOUT A BORDERING COUNTRY IN THE SOUTH. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO RESORT TO A FULL-SCALE WAR WITH NAVARA.
NAVARA IS A FLEDGLING NATION FOUNDED BY A FACTION OF OUR PEOPLE. THEIR MAJOR AGENDA IS REFORM, AND THEY'RE WILLING TO RISK WAR FOR IT.
Bezzal
Navara
WELL ...
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ARGENT?
THE SKIRMISHES HAVE BEEN STIFLED AT THE BORDER, SO IT'S NOT A DIRE SITUATION
WHAT IF HE LOSES SELF-CONTROL AGAIN?
I'M NOT SURE IF ARGENT CAN TOLERATE THE CONDITIONS OF A BATTLEFIELD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
I WILL. LET'S SEE...
CARL!!
TELL ME! WHAT DOES IT SAY?!
I'VE ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF THE SITUATION AT THE BORDER.
I THOUGHT SO.

THRUST
SHOULD I HAVE ACCOMPANIED THIS MAN?
CARL, IS THIS PROBLEM WITH OUR NEIGHBORS GOING TO DRAG ON?
I DON'T KNOW. IT STARTED WHEN NAVARA VOICED A COMPLAINT ABOUT TERRITORIAL RIGHTS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.
..I'LL KILL YOU RIGHT NOW FOR YOUR INSOLENCE
NOW, CHOOSE!

I WANTED TO BRING HIM HERE TO HELP WITH YOUR SON'S ILLNESS
I'VE RECENTLY ACQUIRED A SKILLED HEALER.
YES, BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR VISIT, YOUR MAJESTY?
I HEARD SEVERAL YEARS AGO THAT YOUR SON, NEON, HAD BEEN TAKEN ILL.
YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN GOVERNING THE WESTERN BORDER FOR YEARS. WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT ALLIANCE.
NONSENSE! THE TRINGAMS HAVE BEEN MY DISTANT RELATIVES FOR GENERATIONS.
CLICK
CLICK
I AM SO HONORED TO BE GIFTED THE SERVICE OF YOUR OWN PERSONAL APOTHECARY...
BESIDES, I'VE BEEN WAITING TO TEST THE SKILL OF MY NEW HEALER
IT'S THE KING'S DUTY TO LOOK AFTER THE WELL BEING OF HIS KIN.
YOUR SON WILL BECOME THE NEXT DUKE.

THE KING IS NOT WITH HIS TROOPS
WHERE ARE WE?
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE SO SUDDENLY?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE BUSY TRYING TO CONTAIN BATTLES AT YOUR BORDER?
DUKE TRINGAM, IT'S BEEN TOO LONG.
OH MY GOODNESS!
KING BEAZOL!
WE'RE AT THE PALACE OF DUKE TRINGAM. HIS LAND SHARES THE WESTERN BORDER WITH BEAZOL.


DOES YOUR MEDICINE TASTE GOOD?

I HATE HAVING TO DRINK BITTER MEDICINE EVERY DAY!
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO TASTE SO BAD?
The princess also complained.
I'M SORRY.
I've never had medicine that tasted this bad.
ACK
ACK ACK ACK
UGH! THIS TASTES REALLY BAD!

IT'S PRETTY COMPLICATED, HUH?
NOPE. THANK YOU!
THAT HELPS WITH DIGESTION AND...
BITTERNESS STIMULATES THE BODY'S ORGANS TO EXCRETE MANY DIFFERENT ENZYMES.
WELL...

YES YOUR MAJESTY.
ARGENT, TAKE A LOOK AT THE YOUNG MAN
HELLO, MY NAME IS ARGENT. EXCUSE ME...
HE'S BEEN WRACKED WITH SEVERE COUGHING FOR YEARS
I PRESENT YOU MY SON, NEON.

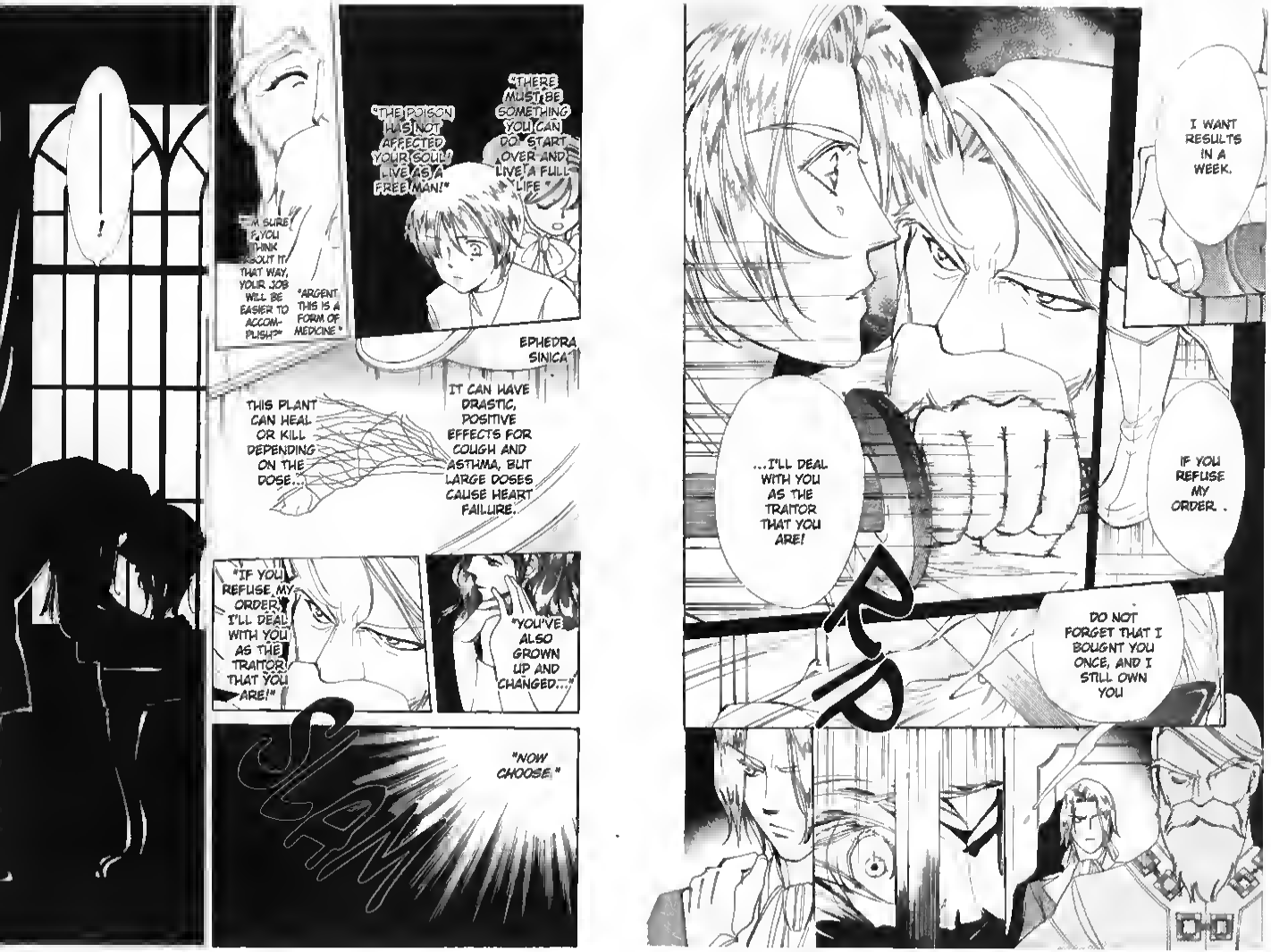
THIS ROOM HAS A GREAT VIEW.
YOUR MAJESTY, PLEASE COME THIS WAY.
HEY, ARGENT!
HE BROUGHT ME HERE TO HELP... MAYBE MY IMPRESSION OF THE KING WAS MISTAKEN.
I'D BE HONORED, YOUR MAJESTY.
WHILE THE HEALER'S AT WORK, I'D LIKE A TOUR OF THE PALACE.

WE'D BE HONORED. I'LL PREPARE A ROOM RIGHT AWAY.
EVEN YOUR SON AGREES.
I WANT ARGENT TO STAY!
SLAM
HE REMINDS ME OF THE PRINCESS AS A CHILD.
I THINK THE CHILD IS BORED.
I THINK HE THINKS OF ME AS A COMPANION RATHER THAN A HEALER.
YOU'VE GAINED HIS TRUST QUITE QUICKLY.
WHAT?
NO NEED FOR THAT.
HIS CONDITION CAN BE TREATED WITH MEDICATION.
HE SUFFERS FROM ASTHMA.
HOW SERIOUS IS HIS ILLNESS?

I'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE!
ALL THE OTHER DOCTORS ONLY TOLD ME TO BE QUIET AND TAKE THE MEDICATION!
NOBODY HAS EVER TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT TO ME BEFORE!
...
...
YOUR MAJESTY PLANS ON STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE?
FATHER, PLEASE!
BUT...
MEANWHILE ARGENT CAN CONTINUE HIS TREATMENT OF NEON.
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, I'M JUST THOROUGHLY WORN OUT.
IT'S VERY QUIET HERE WITH CLEAN AIR. I'D LIKE TO STAY FOR A WEEK.

MY SUSPICIONS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN I SAW THE ROADS NEAR THE PALACE.
THE ROADS HERE SHOULD BE PRETTY DESOLATE, BUT I SAW NUMEROUS, FRESH WAGON TRAILS.
IT'S PROOF THAT WAGONS FROM SURROUNDING COUNTRIES HAVE USED THIS PATH.
I'M PRESUMING HE'S MADE SOME KIND OF ALLIANCE IN EXCHANGE FOR POWER, TERRITORY OR BOTH
THAT DOESN'T MEAN...
IF NEON DIES, IT'LL CAUSE CONFUSION AND HINDER THE ALLIANCE WITH THEIR NEIGHBOR. IT WILL ALSO MAKE IT EASIER TO BRING THIS FAMILY TO RUIN.
IT'S MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN PROLONGING WAR AND SACRIFICING THE LIVES OF MANY SOLDIERS.
ARGENT, THIS IS A FORM OF MEDICINE.
IN ORDER FOR A COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE TO THRIVE, WE MUST CUT AWAY ALL SPOILED PARTS BEFORE THE SPOILAGE SPREADS, NO?
I'M SURE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY, YOUR JOB WILL BE EASIER TO ACCOMPLISH?
...

I SAID THERE'S NO NEED TO TREAT HIM
YOU WANT ME TO POISON THE BOY?
DO IT GENTLY SO HE WON'T SUFFER, AND OTHERS WON'T NOTICE.
YOU'RE SKILLED WITH THE USE OF POISON, ARE YOU NOT?
I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN ORDER, BUT...
JUST LISTEN TO ME. I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO DO THIS WITHOUT A GOOD REASON.
IS THAT WHY YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?
I'M A HEALER! MY JOB IS TO HELP PEOPLE
...
THE DUKE OF TRINGAM
...
...HAS FORGED AN ALLIANCE WITH NAVARA BEHIND MY BACK.
BOTH YOU AND MY DAUGHTER...
...DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO WORK FOR THE PALACE


I WANT RESULTS IN A WEEK.
IF YOU REFUSE MY ORDER. .
DO NOT FORGET THAT I BOUGHT YOU ONCE, AND I STILL OWN YOU
...I'LL DEAL WITH YOU AS THE TRAITOR THAT YOU ARE!
RIP
"THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO. START OVER AND LIVE A FULL LIFE."
"THE POISON HAS NOT AFFECTED YOUR SOUL! LIVE AS A FREE MAN!"
"I'M SURE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY, YOUR JOB WILL BE EASIER TO ACCOMPLISH?"
"ARGENT. THIS IS A FORM OF MEDICINE."
EPHEDRA SINICA
THIS PLANT CAN HEAL OR KILL DEPENDING ON THE DOSE...
IT CAN HAVE DRASTIC, POSITIVE EFFECTS FOR COUGH AND ASTHMA, BUT LARGE DOSES CAUSE HEART FAILURE.
"IF YOU REFUSE MY ORDER, I'LL DEAL WITH YOU AS THE TRAITOR THAT YOU ARE!"
"YOU'VE ALSO GROWN UP AND CHANGED..."
SLAP
"NOW CHOOSE."

MOTHER! MOTHER!
WHERE'S FATHER?
WHAT IF YOUR COUGH GETS WORSE?
NEON, YOU SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING AROUND LIKE THAT!
UGH, IT'S GROSS!

AM I TAKING SOMETHING DIFFERENT STARTING TODAY?
ARGH ...
I CAN HANDLE IT!
IT'S MORE BITTER THAN BEFORE
CRACK!!!
YOU CAN BE SO KLUTZY!
I'M SORRY, MY FINGERS SLIPPED
ARGENT, WHAT HAPPENED?

NAVARA SOL-DIERS?
YOUR ...
.. MAJESTY, I HAD NO CHOICE.
I WAS PROMISED THE BEST DOCTORS IN EXCHANGE FOR AN ALLIANCE ..
THIS IS THE REASON I CALLED YOU SOFT.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE'RE SHIPPED OFF TO OUR ENEMY.
ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT I'M EVEN HERE
I CAN CONFIDENTLY ASSUME ALL MY MEN HAVE BEEN CAP-TURED AS WELL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF ARGENT!
I'M COMPLETELY HEALED NOW! I DON'T GET OUT OF BREATH ANYMORE!
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR FATHER TODAY..
WHERE IS HE?
I THOUGHT I WOULD TAKE A WALK WITH FATHER.
NEON...
...YOU WEREN'T ABLE TO POISON THE BOY, EH?
SO...
CLANG
YOU CAN CALL ME WHAT YOU WANT, BUT I...
YOU'RE SOFT.

...OR DID YOU THINK SAVING OTHERS WOULD SOMEHOW SAVE YOUR SOUL?
YOU CAN'T LIVE AS AN ORDINARY MAN. YOU CANNOT PHYSICALLY LOVE, NOR CAN OTHERS LOVE YOU BACK IN THAT WAY.
SHUT UP!
THUD
!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HEY, YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TRYING TO KILL THE KING?
HEY!

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE MORE USEFUL.
I EXPECTED TOO MUCH OUT OF YOU.
I DOUBT PRIMULA CAN LEAD AN ARMY.
YOU'VE DOOMED US ALL...
WHY DID YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER?
YOU DIDN'T WANT ME AS THE PALACE APOTHECARY. IF YOU DID...
YOU CAN KILL ME AND RUN AWAY. YOU DON'T NEED ANY WEAPONS FOR THAT.
WELL, YOU DO STILL HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE.
YOU CANNOT RUN A COUNTRY WITHOUT GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY.
BECAUSE ...
YOU WERE RAISED TO BE A WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION YOU'RE JUST IN DENIAL ..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT YOU'RE A BASILISK.
YOU'RE AN APOTHECARY. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO KILL, NO?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

KEEP MOVING!
I ALMOST FORGOT...
MY MEDICINE'S BEEN TAKEN AWAY
MY BODY FEELS NUMB...
UNH...
RUB
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
PLEASE MOVE
THE EXIT IS GUARDED! WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OUT!

!
IT'S ONLY A SMALL WOUND. HE DIDN'T ABSORB MUCH POISON.
THUD
WE HAVE TO GET MOVING!
THE KING OF BEAZOL HAS ESCAPED!
JAILBREAK!
NOW!

PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
I KNEW YOU HAD IT IN YOU.
SEE, YOU CAN POISON PEOPLE
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A CUNNING BASTARD!
IF YOU WANT, YOU CAN BITE ME TO DEATH LIKE YOU TRIED BEFORE
DID YOU LOSE YOUR MIND FROM ACTIVATING ALL THE POISON INSIDE OF YOU?

SMASH
STAND BACK.
THE STONE WALL IS MELTING?!
I SEE...
HIS POISONOUS TOUCH, BREATH, FANGS HE CAN USE THEM IN A MULTITUDE OF WAYS
HE CAN CONTROL THE POISON IN HIS FLESH AND BLOOD
THOSE ARE THE BASILISK'S TOOLS..!!
DASH DASH DASH

...
ARGENT!
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, YOU'RE TOO SOFT...
ARGENT!
?!
ARGENT!

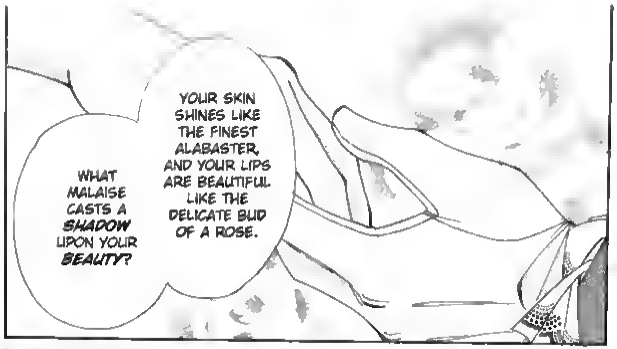
SO THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL...
I WOULD HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED THIS POSITION IF SHE DIDN'T ASK ME TO!
YOUR DAUGHTER LOVES YOU!
YOU FINALLY ADMITTED TO IT!

I CAN SEE THAT YOU SINCERELY CARE ABOUT MY DAUGHTER
YOU ACTED IN THE MANNER THAT WAS APPROPRIATE, ARGENT.
I CAN'T HAVE A MAN THAT WOULD POISON A MAN WITHOUT SECOND THOUGHT.
I WANTED TO TEST HIM TO SEE IF HE WAS WORTHY OF HIS POSITION AS THE ROYAL APOTHECARY.
ARGENT, I'M EXPECTING YOU TO HELP MY DAUGHTER AND OUR COUNTRY AS THE ROYAL APOTHECARY.
HAVING A GOOD APOTHECARY WILL HELP ME LEAD A STABLE NATION.
YOU HAVE A FINE SKILL, AND YOU'RE A GOOD MAN.
PRIMULA, TAKE CARE OF HIM.
I'M SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
ARGENT?!
...
...

LADY PRIMULA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I HEARD YOU WEREN'T PRESENT AT THE BATTLEFIELD, SO I HAVE BEEN WANDERING AND SEARCHING FOR YOU!
I THOUGHT I SMELLED YOUR FRAGRANCE, SO—
WHAT HAPPENED?
FATHER, WHAT'S GOING ON?
DID WELL?
FATHER?
YOU DID WELL, ARGENT!
HA HA HA HA!

PEOPLE MUST SOMETIMES FACE THE WRATH OF REALITY AND SWALLOW THE TOXINS THAT LIFE CAN BREED...
...IN ORDER TO SURVIVE
BASILISKS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVE TO SWALLOW POISON.
MAKE SURE THEY DON'T BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHER THAN NECESSARY
KEEP A CLOSE WATCH
I WILL, YOUR MAJESTY.
I WON'T RESIGN.
AFTER ALL, YOU REALLY DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO DECIDE
ARGENT, YOU CAN RESIGN FROM YOUR POSITION IF YOU WANT.
I'M STILL FEELING CONFUSED...

YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE HIS SKILL AND RESOLVE THE PROBLEMATIC DUKE, AS YOU PLANNED...
I SUPPOSE
...HE COULD HAVE FAILED AND YOU BOTH WOULD HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. EITHER WAY, HE WOULD HAVE FOUND WAYS FOR US TO ESCAPE
IF ARGENT POISONED THE YOUNG BOY..
WERE YOU ABLE TO TEST ARGENT AND TAKE CARE OF THE DUKE?
...EXPECT MY DAUGHTER TO SHOW UP.
I JUST DID NOT...
I CAN STILL USE HIM I'M SURE I CAN CRUSH THE MAN INTO SHOWING HIS TRUE COLORS
HE'S BECOME TOO HUMANE A BASILISK THAT REFUSES TO KILL PEOPLE..
I MUST SAY THAT ARGENT DISAPPOINTED ME
YOUR MAJESTY?
I THOUGHT I LOST A PRIZED POSSESSION, BUT HE'S COME BACK. WE'LL USE PRIMULA TO BREAK HIM IN.
HE CAN BE A WEAPON FOR OR AGAINST US.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM GETTING INTO ENEMY HANDS.


WHAT MALAISE CASTS A SHADOW UPON YOUR BEAUTY?
YOUR SKIN SHINES LIKE THE FINEST ALABASTER, AND YOUR LIPS ARE BEAUTIFUL LIKE THE DELICATE BUD OF A ROSE.

I HAVE A STOMACH-ACHE...

SLIP
SO THAT'S LADY PRIMULA.
THAT MEANS THAT MAN IS THE COURT APOTHE-CARY
YOU MUST HAVE A VISITOR, ARGENT.
KYAH
HHH
I WILL RISK MY LIFE TO CURE YOU OF YOUR ILLS, MY DEAREST PRINCESS!
MY POOR LADY PRIMULA!

I WANT TO LIVE AS A MAN.
THIS ISN'T JUST FOR YOU.
I HAVE TO DO THIS FOR MYSELF.
The skirmish with Navara was quickly resolved
The Tringam Family was stripped of their land and power for aiding with the enemy. The family was placed under house arrest in a remote location.
SHALL WE RETURN TO THE CASTLE?
At the palace, an apothecary is starting a new chapter in his life.~
Recipe 3: The End

Beazol is a small kingdom located on the corner of the continent.
BOSS ZANTAK! YOU WERE RIGHT!
Apothecarius Argentum
Recipe 4 Apothecary's Apprentice
HE SEEMED LIKE A CONCEITED, UPPITY JERK, NOT A MEDICINE-MAKER!
HE WAS WEARING LOTS OF PERFUME AND FRILLY CLOTHES!
Thank you!
You are pretty as a rose!
Can I help you?
HE WAS A PANSY, JUST LIKE THE RUMORS. I CAN'T BELIEVE THE ENDLESS FLATTERY THAT SPILLED FROM HIS MOUTH...
SORA'S ILLUSTRATION

CAN I HELP YOU?
GAAAAH!
DASH DASH DASH
CLICK
WELL, UH, I..
ARE YOU HURT?
THE RUMORS WERE TRUE!
SO THAT MUST BE ARGENT, THE NEW PALACE APOTHE-CARY!
HE RAN AWAY.
DASH DASH DASH
ARGENT, WASN'T THAT A PATIENT?
I HAVE TO GO!

WHAT?
VISIT MR ECONA? THAT CAN WAIT.
SODA, I WANT YOU TO KEEP SPYING ON ARGENT!
BOSS, CAN I GO CHECK ON MR. ECONA TOMORROW?
AS A RESULT, THE BOSS HAS BEEN CRABBY LATELY.
OUR SHOPPE HAS BEEN LOSING A LOT OF BUSINESS.
THIS IS AN ORDER FROM YOUR BOSS!
THIS JUST SUCKS!
THIS IS THAT FANCY JERK'S FAULT!
SIGH
FINALLY, YOU TAKE A WRITTEN TEST AND IF YOU PASS, YOU'RE A GUILD MEMBER AND YOU CAN PRACTICE.
TO BECOME A GUILD APOTHECARY, YOU HAVE TO PAY A GUILD MEMBER AND BECOME THEIR LIVE-IN APPRENTICE FOR 10 YEARS AS WELL AS WORK UNDER THEM FOR FREE
THIS IS MY 2ND YEAR. A LONG WAY TO GO...
Now!
I'M AN ERRAND BOY, NOT AN APPRENTICE!
CLEANING UP THE LAB IS THE APPRENTICE'S SECOND JOB.

THAT DARNED ARGENT! HE'S GIVING APOTHECARIES A BAD NAME!
CRACK
I KNEW IT!
RECENTLY, THE MOOD AT THE SHOPPE HAS BEEN DEPRESSING.
I'M AN APOTHECARY — ACTUALLY I'M ONLY AN APPRENTICE. MY NAME IS SODA.
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE HARD AT WORK LEARNING MY TRADE UNDER MY BOSS, MR ZANTAK
BOSS!
GAAAH! BLOOD! I'M GOING TO DIE!
BOSS, I'LL PREPARE SOME LINIMENTS!
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF MR. ECONA'S HEART MEDICINE.
SPLASH
NOW, OUR BEST CLIENT HAS BEEN ROBBED BY AN UNFAMILIAR HEALER!
APPRENTICES TASK #1 INVENTORY CHECK
WE WERE THE MOST WELL KNOWN APOTHECARY IN THE GUILD!
FOR A LONG TIME, WE RECEIVED A LOT OF ORDERS FROM THE PALACE.

ARGENT?
I HAVE WORK TO DO. I NEED PRIVACY.
THUMK
Promise you're laughing.
OF COURSE NOT!
SNAP
Here's the kit! Medicine for Carbeau's athlete's feet and Carl's astringent...
WORK?
HIS LACK OF BUSINESS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS SKILL. MAYBE PEOPLE FEEL RELUCTANT BECAUSE HE WORKS FOR THE ROYAL COURT?
THAT CAN'T BE. BEING THE PALACE APOTHECARY HELPED THE LAST ONE WITH HIS BUSINESS. HE HAD MORE PATIENTS THAN HE COULD CARE FOR. HE WAS ROLLING IN MONEY!
ROLLING IN MONEY...?
SLAM
ARGENT, DON'T BE SO SNIPPY!
PLEASE GIVE ME PRIVACY WHILE I FORMULATE THESE THINGS!
...
WERE YOU NICE TO HIM?
A CHILD RAN AWAY FROM YOU? THAT'S NOT GOOD!
PEOPLE MAY LOOK AT YOU AND ASSUME YOU'RE INEXPERIENCED DUE TO YOUR YOUTH.
THAT MAKES SENSE...
Carl, you're sharp!
MAYBE THIS PLACE IS LACKING DIGNITY.
SCOFF
WE WERE ABLE TO GET MY FATHER'S PERMISSION, AND YOU FINALLY OPENED YOUR STORE!
IT'S BEEN A FEW WEEKS AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PATIENTS!
NO BUSINESS
YOU'VE TRIED BEING GRACIOUS AND AMICABLE ...
MY LADY, I'M NOT YOUR DOLL.
Try this fake beard. You'll look just like my father!
FINE, YOU SHOULD TRY TO LOOK LIKE YOUR PEERS.

PEEK
HE COLLECTS HERBS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, EH?
NEXT MORNING...
CHIRP
CHIRP
THIS MUST BE HIS SECRET LOCATION...
WHY DOES HE GO SO DEEP INTO THE FOREST?
...AND A MYSTERIOUS MUSHROOM!
THERE'S JIMSON WEED (ALSO POISONOUS)...
HE'S PLANTED FOXGLOVES (POISONOUS)...
THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...
TUG

I WANT TO HELP HIM AS MUCH AS I CAN.
ARGENT DECIDED THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE THE ROYAL APOTHECARY
"THIS ISN'T JUST FOR YOU I HAVE TO DO THIS FOR MYSELF."
"I WON'T RESIGN."
PRINCESS...
I SHOULD GO INTO TOWN AND GET INTO FIGHTS, WOUND SOME PEOPLE!
"...OR DID YOU THINK SAVING OTHERS WOULD SOMEHOW SAVE YOUR SOUL?"
"I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BUT YOU'RE A BASILISK. YOU WERE RAISED TO BE WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION. YOU'RE JUST IN DENIAL."

YOU'RE MR. ECONA'S
SODA!
AS A RESULT, PEOPLE THINK WHAT WE DO IS NOTHING BUT BOGUS.
WELL, BEING AN APOTHECARY SOMETIMES SEEMS LIKE HOCUS-POCUS
The apprentice does all the working.

SPLASH
I'VE BEEN BUSY WITH ANOTHER JOB THAT I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO...
HOW IS THE OLD MAN? I'M SURE YOU'RE OUT OF MEDICATION. I WAS WORRIED
I'M NOT HERE FOR MEDICINE.
I'M HERE TO TELL YOUR BOSS THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY ANY MORE
YOU'RE HERE FOR MORE MEDICINE, RIGHT? I'LL GO GET SOME.
WAIT HERE!
THAT'S NOT NECESSARY, SODA.
HE'S THE SAME. NOT BETTER OR WORSE.

HE HAS NO APPRENTICES AND HE ALWAYS CLOSES HIS WINDOWS
HE WORKS ALONE IN HIS APOTHECARY...
SLAM
PLOP
PPP

ARGENT, CAN WE COME IN?
THE PRINCESS AND HER SERVANT. THEY'RE BACK AGAIN...

THERE'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING ROTTEN GOING ON.
UH, SURE..
I BET HE USED AN APHRODISIAC TO SEDUCE THE PRINCESS!
GRR!
HE'S A WIZARD MAKING STRANGE POTIONS AND CURSES!
USING POISONOUS PLANTS, THE WAY HE WORKS ALONE...

BONK
OW!
SINCE HE'S NOT BETTER, IT MEANS THAT MY BOSS' FORMULA ISN'T WORKING.
I NEED TO FIND ANOTHER ONE...
THUD
DAMN! IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
I WISH I COULD MAKE HIS MEDICINE...
A PERENNIAL WITH TOXIC COMPOUNDS, A SMALL AMOUNT HAS A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE HEART...
FOX-GLOVE...
Digitalis purpurea
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
THERE IT IS!
PERFECT!

I WISH I COULD DO MORE...
THERE'S NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE!
SODA, THANK YOU FOR LOOKING OUT FOR HIM ALL THIS TIME! I'M SO SORRY!
I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT DAY. YOU'LL BE A GREAT APOTHECARY, SODA.
STUDY HARD AND OPEN YOUR OWN SHOPPE
...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

...FOR SAVING MY LIFE.
THANKS
I WAS TAKING A WALK. I GOT REALLY HUNGRY.
THAT DEEP IN THE WOODS? AND YOU CHOSE TO EAT ONLY THE FOXGLOVES?
...
...
WHAT WERE YOU DOING UP THERE?
IF I FOUND YOU ANY LATER, YOU WOULD'VE BEEN DEAD!
FOXGLOVES CAN STRENGTHEN THE HEART, BUT IT'S DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE DOSAGE.
IT CAN CAUSE VIOLENT NAUSEA, DIARRHEA AND HEART ATTACKS.
I READ THAT FOXGLOVES COULD TREAT HIS CONDITION, SO I WANTED TO TEST IT OUT...
TO BE HONEST, MY FRIEND HAS A BAD HEART, BUT THEY CAN'T AFFORD MEDICINE

I DON'T FEEL ANY CHANGES
I SHOULD TEST THIS OUT ON MYSELF
WHAT IS A SMALL AMOUNT ANYWAY?
I FOUND IT!
LEAP
!!
SHOVE
LET'S TRY SOME MORE.
*PLEASE DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!
CRAP! I CAN'T BREATHE...
HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HELP ME...!
SOMEONE!

I'M HERE TO GET MEDICINE, BUT...
WHAT'S WRONG?
MY FATHER'S JUST HAD ANOTHER ATTACK.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I CAN'T JUST WATCH HIM DIE!
"IT'S ARGENT'S MEDICINE..."
"IT'S MADE FROM A POISONOUS PLANT..."
"IF YOU WANT SOME MEDICINE THAT I MADE..."
I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU!
IT MAY BE BETTER THAN NOTHING AT ALL!
THRUST
IF YOU WANT SOME MEDICINE THAT I MADE, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.
REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?
SO HE'S USING POISONOUS PLANTS...
THE PLANT HAS MULTIPLE TOXIC COMPOUNDS
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
I DON'T WANT ANY.
JUST PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T RAVAGE MY GARDEN.
NOW I OWE MY LIFE TO A COMPETITOR.
HE SEEMS NICE.
PLEASE! I PROMISE TO PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
SLAM
NO! I CAN'T GIVE OUT MEDICINE FOR FREE!

MY BOSS' FORMULA WON'T DO A THING.
SURE. PLEASE WAIT HERE
TINK
I WANT THE SAME THING.
HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE FOR IT? I'LL PAY.
YOU MEAN MR ECONA? YES, HE'S MY PATIENT.
COMO VILLAGE?
CHOOSE
THUD
ARE YOU HURT?
DON'T TOUCH MY KIDS!

I'LL PAY YOU BACK, I SWEAR!
THANK YOU, SODA!
HUH? UH? SURE...
THIS IS STRANGE.. MY PALPITATIONS ARE GONE AND I FEEL MUCH BETTER...
SODA, WHAT ARE YOU--
FATHER, YOU ALMOST DIED OF A HEART ATTACK LAST NIGHT!
FATHER! YOU'RE AWAKE!
I HEARD THAT SOMEONE FROM COMO VILLAGE WAS SAVED FROM A HEART ATTACK AFTER TAKING YOUR MEDICINE-
WHAT'S INSIDE THAT MEDICINE?

DELICIOUS, EASY TO SWALLOW, WITH A PLEASANT AFTERTASTE
I'LL BE YOUR ASSISTANT TODAY TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE THIS!
I THINK THAT'S A WORTHY GOAL!
SLAM
ARGENT!
I DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT MAKING MEDICINE
I KNOW ...
I MAY NOT BE OF MUCH HELP, BUT ..
I ALSO DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR NONSENSE OR YOUR ADVICE!
I NEED SOME TIME TO MYSELF!

YOU SEDUCED THE PRINCESS WITH YOUR SPELL TO BECOME THE COURT HEALER!
YOU DON'T BELONG TO THE GUILD, EITHER.
I HEAR YOU USE POISON TO CREATE STRANGE POTIONS.
NOW I UNDERSTAND...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, PRINCESS?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOUR LACK OF CUSTOMERS. I THINK THE PROBLEM IS THE TASTE
YOUR MEDICINES TASTE LIKE HELL, AND THAT'S GOT TO CHANGE
CHATTER CHATTER
PATAN
WELCOME BACK, ARGENT!

HEY!
LADY PRIMULA, I DIDN'T MEAN TO..
NO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
DID I DISTURB SOMETHING?
I SEE..
WELL, I DON'T HAVE MANY PATIENTS.
THAT WAS AMAZING! I KNOW WHY YOU'RE THE COURT APOTHECARY NOW!
YOUR MEDICINE REALLY HELPED MY FRIEND WITH A BAD HEART.
I WANTED TO THANK YOU.
I TRIED ALL KINDS OF ADVICE IT'S NOT WORKING...
ADVICE?
WE EVEN PRACTICED PATIENT-HEALER ETIQUETTE WITH THE PRINCESS AND HER INSTRUCTOR.

I CAN'T LET YOU IN HERE RIGHT NOW.
LET ME IN!
I JUST WANT TO HELP YOU!!
ARGENT!
I DON'T NEED PEOPLE'S HELP!
I CAN DO THIS ON MY OWN! STOP BOTHERING ME!
THEN FINE! YOU CAN JUST..
KNOCK KNOCK
KICK
...STAY HOLED UP INSIDE AND ROT TO DEATH!

ARGENT IS A JERK!
WELL, I FOUND OUT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT ARGENT'S PROBLEM.
APPARENTLY, THE GUILD HAS BEEN SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT ARGENT
HE'S BEEN ACCUSED OF MAKING STRANGE POTIONS AND SEDUCING YOU TO GET HIS POSITION.
WHY WOULD THE GUILD DO SUCH A THING?
ALL PROFESSIONS HAVE A GUILD IT EXISTS TO ASSIST THE MEMBERS...
...TO REMAIN PROFITABLE AND DETERMINE THE CONDUCT OF ITS MEMBERS
I'M GOING TO GO TALK TO THE GUILD!
PRINCESS!
ARGENT IS NOT A MEMBER, AND HE'S BEEN MADE AN APOTHECARY AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE.
THE CRITICISMS ARE TO BE EXPECTED.
I ADMIT THAT THERE WAS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT INVOLVED, BUT HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE...
...AND TALENTED. EVEN FATHER ADMITS THAT MUCH!

I know it's irrelevant, but how do you feel about her?
HEY... THE PRINCESS SEEMS AWFULLY FAMILIAR WITH YOU.
WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HER?
THAT WAS WHAT I WAS SEEING...
CAN I HELP YOU?
OH!
BESIDES, YOUR LACK OF PATIENTS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
A GUY IS SPREADING BAD RUMORS ABOUT YOU.
I KNOW.
THE FORMER PALACE APOTHECARY, RIGHT?
YOU'RE HIS APPRENTICE AND YOU'VE BEEN ORDERED TO SPY ON ME.
AM I RIGHT, APPRENTICE SODA?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS?
SINCE I FIRST MET YOU.
IT'S NOT HARD TO THINK OF WHAT MY COMPETITION MIGHT DO
YOU'RE BACK ALREADY, PRINCESS?

THE GUILD CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE YOUR SNOOTY ATTITUDE!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU!
LET ME JUST SAY THAT YOU ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS!
I HOPE YOU DIE IN A DITCH!
APOTHE-CARIES ARE SO DIFFI-CULT!
GOSH...
I HAVE TO ASK YOU SOME-THING.
BOSS!
THIS IS TOO MUCH WORK!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU GIVE OLD MAN ECONA?
SODA!

PEOPLE WILL EVENTUALLY LEARN THAT THE RUMORS WERE LIES!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE RUMORS TO FADE AWAY.
YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE BY GOING THERE
THEN WHAT CAN I DO?!
HEY...
WHY WON'T YOU JOIN THE GUILD?
I WANT TO BUT I CAN'T.
YOU SHOULD JOIN SO..
...YOU CAN SPREAD YOUR KNOWLEDGE TO OTHERS AND SAVE PEOPLE!
I WOULD LIKE THAT, BUT I CAN'T.
BUT YOU'RE SKILLED! I'M SURE THE GUILD WILL SEE THAT AND LET YOU IN!
I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY FORMAL TRAINING, AND I HAVEN'T PASSED THE TEST.

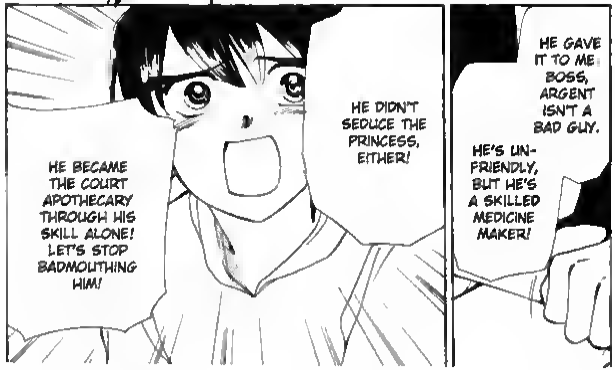
I ORDER YOU TO GO STEAL HIS RECIPE!
YOU DON'T GET IT, SODA.
HIS EXISTENCE ITSELF IS HARMFUL TO THE PROFESSION.
WE JUST NEED TO KNOW HOW IT'S MADE.
IF YOU DO THAT, I CAN WAIVE THE APPRENTICE FEES AND MAKE SURE YOU GET SPECIAL TREATMENT FROM THE GUILD.

YOU WANT YOUR OWN SHOPPE, RIGHT?
...
...

"STUDY HARD AND OPEN YOUR OWN SHOPPE."
"I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT DAY."
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
CREAK

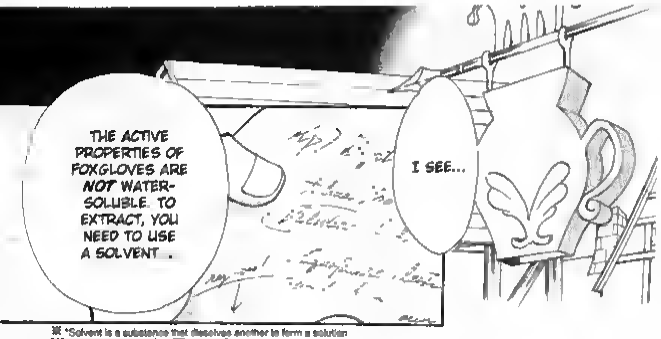
SODA!
WHAT? IT CONTAINED FOXGLOVES?
ARGENT MADE THE MEDICINE.
I DON'T KNOW!
HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO DO IT?
THAT CAN BE HIGHLY TOXIC, SO IT'S TOO RISKY TO USE!
NOBODY HAS SUCCEEDED BEFORE!

THUD
THE FRAUD WE'VE BEEN SPYING ON?
ARGENT?


HE BECAME THE COURT APOTHECARY THROUGH HIS SKILL ALONE! LET'S STOP BADMOUTHING HIM!
HE DIDN'T SEDUCE THE PRINCESS, EITHER!
HE GAVE IT TO ME. BOSS, ARGENT ISN'T A BAD GUY.
HE'S UNFRIENDLY, BUT HE'S A SKILLED MEDICINE MAKER!

I'VE BEEN FEELING THAT EXPERIENCE AND RESULTS MEAN MORE THAN CREDENTIALS.
HE HANGS ONTO WHAT HE LEARNED AND REFUSES TO LEARN ANYTHING NEW!
LOOK AT MY BOSS. HE HAS CREDENTIALS, AND THAT'S ALL HE WANTS.
...
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FIGURED WHAT'S IMPORTANT ALREADY.
ARGENT ...
WHY DID YOU BECOME A HEALER?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING THAT FOR?
HOW, I'M FEELING LIKE I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE SAVED BY OTHERS IF I COULD HELP THEM.
I THINK I'M SUITED FOR IT. I WANTED TO HELP PEOPLE.
OR SO I THOUGHT.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PATIENTS, RIGHT? LET'S EAT THIS TOGETHER.
I APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT I SAID.
THIS IS FOR YOU.
HE WAS SKILLED, AND THE LOCALS APPRECIATED HIM. HOWEVER, HIS COMPETITION STARTED TO DISTURB HIS BUSINESS.
HE WASN'T RECOGNIZED BY THE GUILD, THOUGH HE WAS SELF-TAUGHT.
MY DAD WAS A HEALER, TOO.
LATELY, I'M NOT SO SURE...
THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED I WAS GOING TO BE A LEGITIMATE APOTHECARY NO MATTER WHAT!
POUND
THEY SPREAD RUMORS THAT HE WAS A FRAUD. HIS BUSINESS WENT DOWNHILL, AND HE GOT SICK AND DIED.
HE WAS KIND OF A CRABBY MAN, AND WASN'T GOOD AT DEALING WITH PEOPLE. HE MADE HIMSELF INTO THE ENEMY OF THE GUILD.



※ *Solvent is a substance that dissolves another to form a solution

I DON'T NEED AN APPRENTICE TO TELL ME HOW TO DO MY JOB!
BE QUIET!
SLAM
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD ASK ARGENT HOW TO MAKE THIS?
WE NEED TO GET READY RIGHT AWAY. WE'LL FIRST FORMULATE THE SOLVENT.
I'VE GOT PATIENTS TELLING OTHERS THAT MY MEDICATIONS DON'T WORK.
WHERE IS THE SHOPPE OF THE FORMER COURT APOTHECARY?
PRINCESS!
ARGENT, THE PRINCESS IS GETTING READY TO SLEEP

THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS FROM SOLVENT POISONING!
THE LAB IS LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE!
IT VAPORIZED EASILY. INHALING THE GAS CAUSES HEADACHE, DIZZINESS AND STUPOR!
THE SOLVENT USED FOR THE FORMULA IS VERY TOXIC!
POISONING?
THUD
SODA, STAND BACK!
IT'S NOT SAFE FOR YOU TO GO IN THERE, ARGENT!
ANTIDOTE?
WE NEED TO PREPARE AN ANTIDOTE!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME. WE HAVE TO MAKE IT HERE.

ARGENT, WHAT THE MATTER? IT'S SO LATE!
BAMBAM
IT'S AN EMERGENCY! I NEED YOU TO TAKE ME TO HIS SHOPPE RIGHT AWAY!
UH... SURE!
SODA, WHERE ARE YOU?
THEY WERE TRYING TO MAKE YOUR FORMULA BUT THEY'VE PASSED OUT!
ARGENT! I NEED YOUR HELP!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO WRECK THIS PLACE?
ARGENT, I'LL HELP YOU TRASH THIS JOINT!
SODA!

FORMULATING CAN BE DANGEROUS.
I UNDERSTAND NOW...
PRINCESS, YOU HAVE TO STAY HERE
"DON'T BARGE IN WHILE I'M WORKING!"
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THESE TWO?
YOU'VE HELPED ME ENOUGH.
I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT...

DARN IT! WHY CAN'T YOU LET PEOPLE HELP YOU!
NO, YOU BOTH HAVE TO LEAVE.
ME, TOO!
I'LL HELP!
I SAID...
YOU SNOBBY JERK! YOU JUST WANT ALL THE GLORY!
WE BOTH WANT TO HELP BECAUSE WE LIKE YOU, ARGENT!
NOBODY HERE IS GOING TO HOLD IT OVER YOUR HEAD!
SODA, I WANT YOU TO PULL WHAT I NEED FROM INVENTORY.
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE INGREDIENTS ARE.
CLICK CLICK

I'M PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS THE PALACE APOTHECARY.
PRINCESS..
I DON'T CARE WHAT PEOPLE SAY.
ARGENT!
YOU'RE AMAAAZ-ING!
PLEASE LET ME BE YOUR APPRENTICE!
HUG
woof

THEY'RE IN LOVE!
THEY WERE POISONED WHILE MAKING MEDICATION?
THANK YOU. I NEVER KNEW YOUR JOB COULD BE SO DANGEROUS.
I'LL PROMISE NEVER TO BOTHER YOU WHEN YOU'RE MAKING MEDICINE.
THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.
SO THAT MAN ISN'T A FRAUD AFTER ALL!
THAT'S SCARY!
APPARENTLY, THE ROYAL APOTHECARY SAVED THEIR LIVES.
THAT'S THE MAN I'VE HEARING STORIES ABOUT, RIGHT?

The dose on your sleeping potion would have killed an average man.
THAT'S THE REASON I CAN HANDLE TOXINS THAT MOST CAN'T.
OUR ENTIRE BODY IS POISONOUS AS A RESULT, AND OUR BODIES FUNCTION AS WEAPONS!
THEY'RE RAISED TO BE ASSASSINS, FED POISON AND TRAINED IN THE DEADLY ARTS.
ARGENT IS A FORMER SLAVE THAT WAS PURCHASED AS MY FOOD TASTER.
THAT'S ALL.
I ALSO WON'T ACCEPT APPRENTICES.
THEREFORE, I CANNOT JOIN THE GUILD
NOW I KNOW WHY...
I SEE...
LET'S GO, MY LADY.

I'M SORRY, BUT I WON'T HAVE AN APPRENTICE
YOU'RE COURAGEOUS! YOU'RE BRIMMING WITH INFORMATION AND YOU CAN HANDLE POISONS WITH GRACE AND WITHOUT FEAR!
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU!
WHY? I KNOW I'M A NOVICE, BUT I'LL WORK HARD!
I CAN DO WHAT I DO BECAUSE POISONS DON'T WORK ON ME
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING.
SODA, ANOTHER MISTAKE LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN.
YOU MUST HAVE HEARD THE LEGEND OF THE BASILISK.
MY BODY HAS BUILT UP TOLERANCE
WHAT?
HE DID WAKE UP EARLY FROM THE SLEEPING POTION...

I'M GOING TO FORGE MY OWN PATH!
I QUIT THAT PLACE!
HA HA HA
DID YOU BRING ALL THESE PATIENTS? DON'T YOU HAVE WORK TO DO?
THIS IS THE SHOPPE OF ARGENT, THE ROYAL APOTHECARY!
NEED A HAND?
BESIDES, YOU SEEM AWFULLY BUSY.
GLANCE
CAN YOU HELP ME?
GET ME SOME SEVERAL BULBS OF GERANIUMS AND SEVERAL CASTOR BEAN ROOTS.
YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM, RIGHT?
HM?
YES, MASTER!
Recipe 4: The End

ARGENT, I STILL...
...WANT TO BE A HEALER JUST LIKE YOU.
He's now the slave of Isval
... HE'S SO SUBMISSIVE!
MIDNIGHT SNACKS WILL DISRUPT YOUR DIGESTIVE RHYTHM.
I'M HUNGRY
MY FACE..
I HAVE A HEADACHE.
CAN YOU HELP ME WITH MY TOOTHACHE?
ARGENT, MY CHILD JUST SCRAPED HERSELF...
KNOCK KNOCK
I'M COMING!
I JUST SEE AN ENDLESS LINE OF CUSTOMERS...
I THINK THE RECENT INCIDENT WORKED AS A POSITIVE ADVERTISEMENT
The Guild won't be able to complete for a while.
HE'S BUSY ALL OF A SUDDEN!

Hello, it's been a long time! My name is Yamashita.

It's been several years since my first comic book. I suppose I had to write a manga based on medicine. Some of my readers may already be aware of this fact, but I worked as a pharmacist at one time. I was only a pharmacist for less than 10 years, so I wasn't very experienced. As a result, people have suggested stories that involve medicine to me over time. However I have a hard time getting creative regarding a profession in which I worked. I know too much about the realities of the job. The main character becomes mundane, or I have a very hard time coming up with a story. For a long time, I resisted involving medicine in any of my stories. By the time I started this series, I had already finished several series of various genres. My mind was out of ideas, but I had to come up with something. Therefore, I basically decided to start on a subject I resisted for a long time.

Modern pharmacists do not dispense patients or prescribe medicine. That role belongs to the physicians. That would limit the story. Drugs are now created by pharmaceutical companies, so that's another added restriction. I thought creating a story set in modern times would be too complicated. Therefore, I set this during the time when medicine makers were both doctors and pharmacists. I have presented substances used in modern medicine and science. However I didn't want to get too technical as that would make my job much more difficult. I did present a quick introduction in the previous page to help out my readers. The knowledge contained is incredibly general. However I'd appreciate it if I could help my fans develop an interest in medicine and medical professionals.

This is my last paragraph. This project was completed with the help of many people. I need to thank my editors, but I'd also like to thank my friends. I've been friends with Maria since high school, and she was an invaluable helper during the project, especially helping me with the finishing touches. Mayumi, who lives in the same apartment complex, shopped for food and erasers for me. She was working at a pastry shop and dropped off many yummy cakes while I was working! Around the time this was completed, she got engaged and married to a man that runs a ramen shop! Congratulations, Mayumi! I'd also like to thank K-sensei for helping with the title, and the Kiku sisters for introducing me to K-sensei. I'm sorry if I made any of my readers worry with my long absence but thanks to your support I'm able to present you with another volume! Thank you very much, and I hope to keep working hard to so I can meet you once again! Take care!

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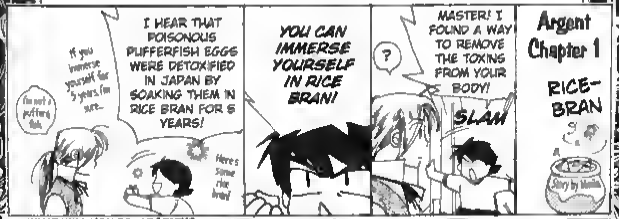
If you immerse yourself for 5 years, I'm sure...
I'm not a puffing fish.
I HEAR THAT POISONOUS PUFFERFISH EGGS WERE DETOXIFIED IN JAPAN BY SOAKING THEM IN RICE BRAN FOR 5 YEARS!
Here's some rice bran!
YOU CAN IMMERSE YOURSELF IN RICE BRAN!
?
MASTER! I FOUND A WAY TO REMOVE THE TOXINS FROM YOUR BODY!
SLAM
Argent Chapter 1
RICE-BRAN
A story by Maria

WHAT WILL YOU DO, ARGENT?
TO BE CONTINUED...

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Information about herbs and chemicals introduced

Curare (Chapter 1)

Curare is a highly toxic alkaloid derived from Chondodendron tomentosum. Its main toxin is D-tubocurarine. It is used by the native people of South America to make poison arrow darts used for hunting. Curare means "to kill a bird," and the word is derived from the native waurali language. Death from curare is caused by asphyxiation through muscular paralysis. However, the risk of secondary poison is minimal, hence you can eat prey that has been killed with curare. It has been used in medicine as to control muscle spasms and other various conditions.

Sulfur (Chapter 2)

Sulfur was a common chemical used by alchemists during the middle ages. It burns easily and has been used as an ingredient for gunpowder for centuries. It was first used in ancient China when the ladies of the court had a hard time starting a fire. They used wooden sticks soaked in sulfur as kindling. This was, in fact, the predecessor to modern matches. In 1827, the first friction match was invented by John Walker, an English chemist by combining antimony, sulfide, potassium chlorate, gum, and starch. The Chinese created black gunpowder by combining sulfur with potassium nitrate, charcoal and sulfur. Incidentally, fireworks did not develop their beautiful colors until recently. The ignituor of various chemicals and metals create the various colors seen in fireworks today.

Ephedra (Chapter 3)

Aerial portions of Ephedra Sinica are dried and used in medicine. It has been found in the graves of ancient Indo-Iranian cultures and is been used medicinally for about 60,000 years. Its active compounds are ephedrine and pseudoephedrine alkaloids. Ephedra stimulates the brain and expands bronchial tubes, allowing for deep breathing. Ephedrine alkaloids are still used in cold and cough medications. It has been used in Chinese medicine to reduce fever, induce sweating, and suppress coughing.

Foxglove (Chapter 4)

The active cardiac glycosides are extracted from the dried leaves of foxgloves (Digitalis purpurea).
The active compounds are called digitoxin or digoxin. It has been used as a cardiac tonic since ancient times in England. However, the rate of accidental poisoning and death was fairly high. As a result, Foxglove was not safely used until an Englishman named William Withering learned to extract the active components during the 18th century. The active compounds are still used in modern medicine to treat various heart conditions.

Medication is not something to be feared if it is used properly (unlike poisons).
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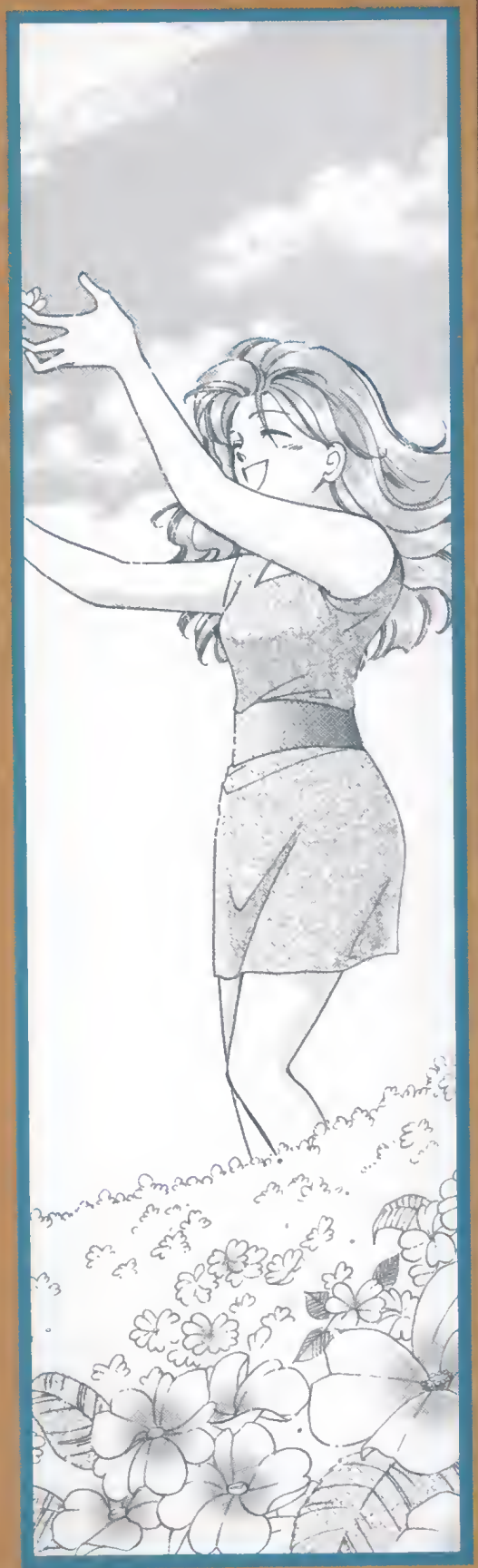

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